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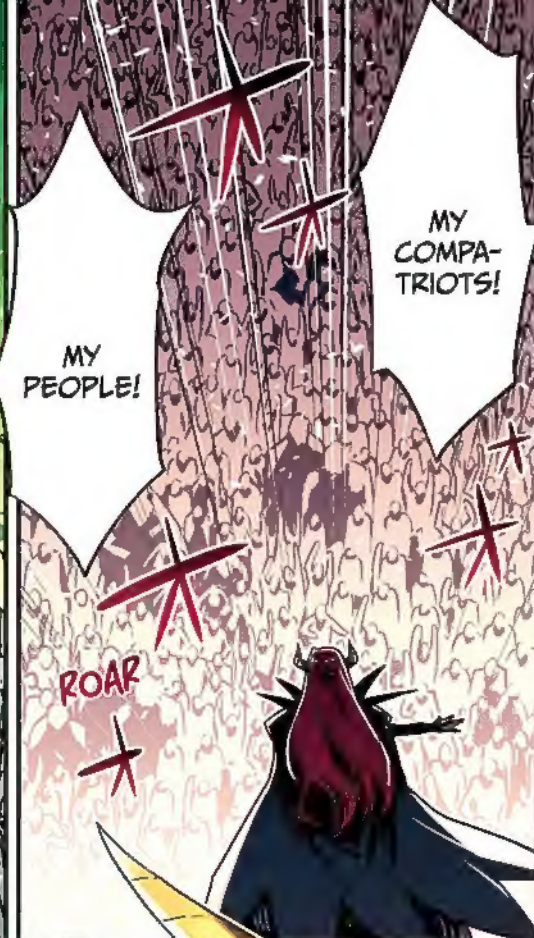
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THANK
YOU FOR
RESPOND-
ING TO MY
SUMMONS!

MAY THE
DEMONS
PROSPER
FOREVER!

ROAR



MY
PEOPLE!

MY
COMPA-
TRIOTS!

ROAR



CHEER

...SUMMON
THE DEMON
CLANS FOR
A KURULTAI!

I...

...THE
43RD
DEMON
MONARCH
OF RUBY
EYES...

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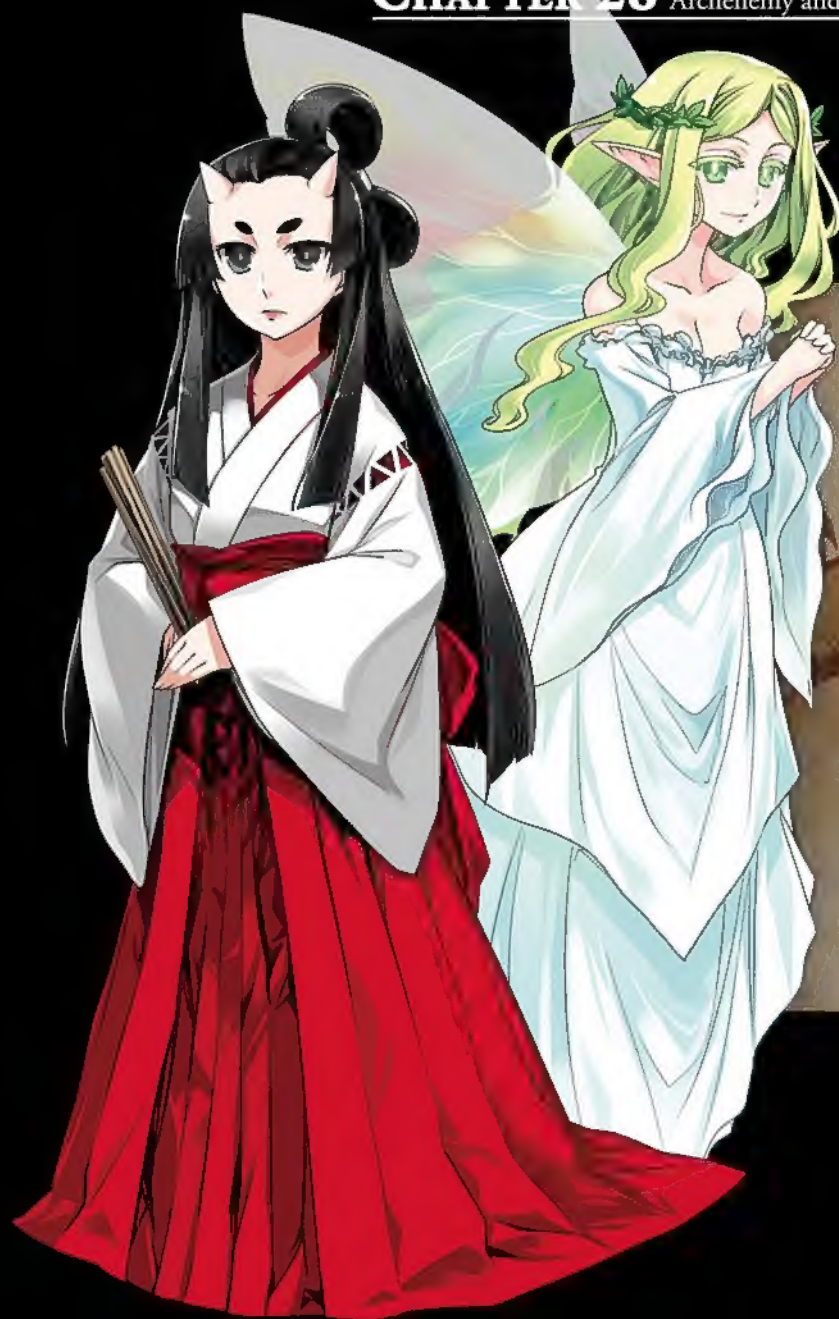
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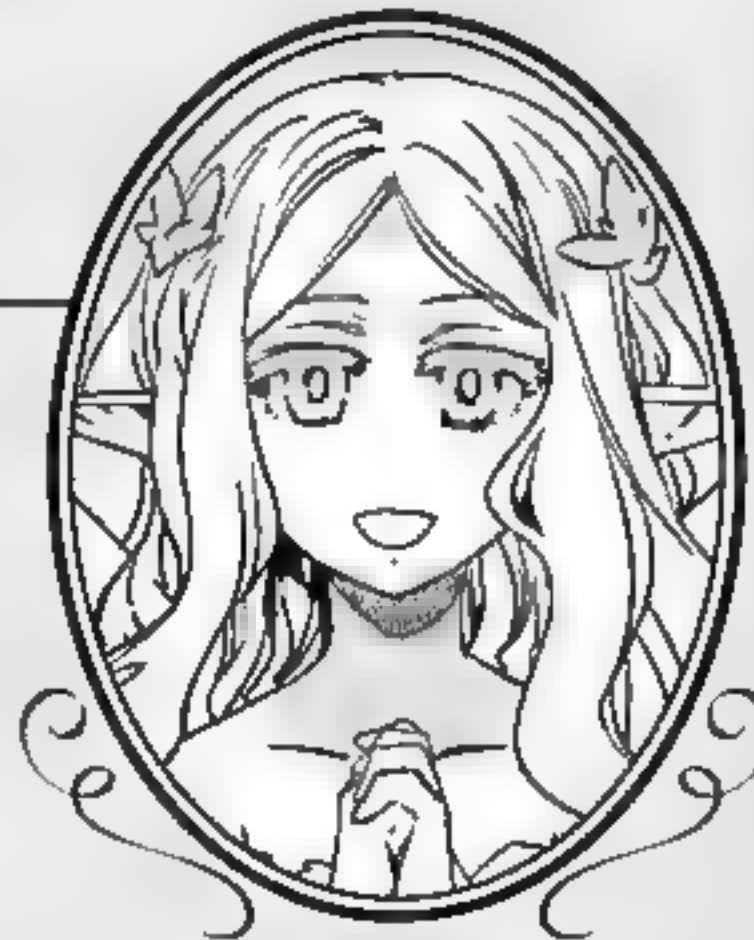


THE COMMANDER OF THE EASTERN FORTRESS

Commander of the Holy Key Expeditionary Force formerly occupying Gateway City. After the Expeditionary Force withdrew, he began representing the humans living in Gateway City and working to improve their relationship with demons.

THE FAIRY QUEEN

The peaceful queen of the Fairy Clan. Her lack of strength makes her dislike fighting, and she is opposed to the war on humans. She was once saved by the Black Knight (the Hero) and is friendly towards him.



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The queen of demons working to truly end the war between demons and humans. In order to convince the demon clans to cease fighting with humans, she decides to organize a Kurultai.



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Leader of the Alliance, the human world's largest economic organization. Taking advantage of changes in the Human World, he plans to establish a two-currency system. He has agreed to help Princess Fire Dragon by setting up trade with the demons.

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A former servant working as a maid in the Demon Queen's mansion. She studied under the Demon Queen. She stood in for the Demon Queen while she was gone, and her speech during her impeachment changed the attitude of the people.



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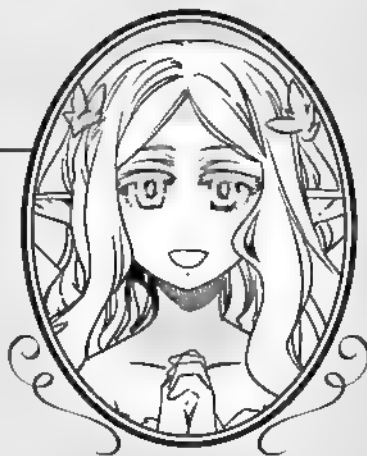
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I see.



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ALSO GATHER
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PARTICIPANTS.

BUT...



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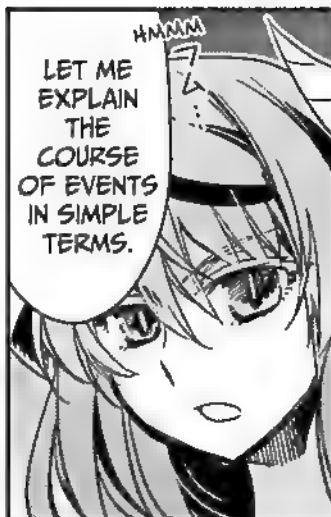
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LET ME EXPLAIN THE COURSE OF EVENTS IN SIMPLE TERMS.



WHAT ?!

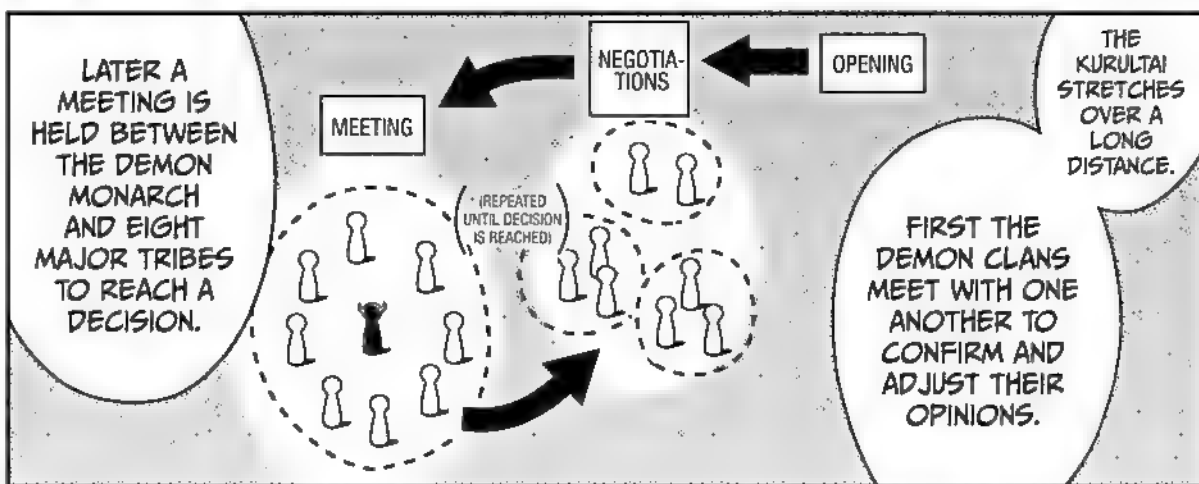
IS THIS THING SO HUGE IT TAKES DAYS TO GREET EVERY-ONE?

I HOPE WE CAN FINISH TODAY.

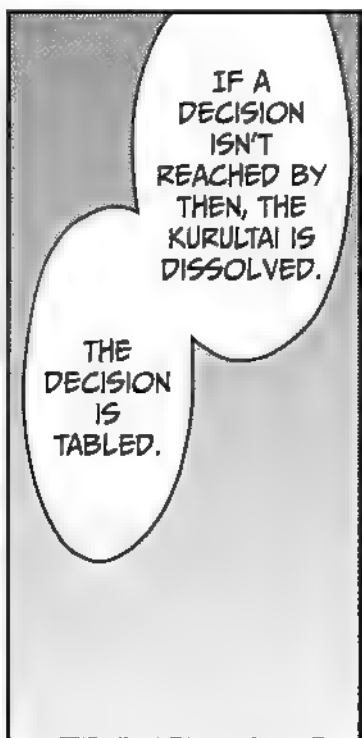


TODAY WE WILL GREET THE CHIEFS OF THE DEMON CLANS.

WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT?



THERE ARE EVEN DEMON MONARCHS WHO INCINERATED THEIR OPPOSITION TO REACH A UNANIMOUS DECISION.



IF A DECISION ISN'T REACHED BY THEN, THE KURULTAI IS DISSOLVED.

THE DECISION IS TABLED.



IT MAY DRAG ON, BUT IT'S NEVER LONGER THAN TWO MONTHS

A DECISION MUST BE UNANIMOUS.

MEETINGS AND NEGOTIATIONS ARE HELD AGAIN AND AGAIN UNTIL EVERYONE AGREES.

IN ORDER
TO DO THAT,
IT'S NECESSARY
FOR US TO
IDENTIFY THE
ATTITUDES AND
STANCES OF
THE VARIOUS
TRIBES DURING
TODAY'S
GREETINGS.

WE'LL HAVE
TO NEGOTI-
ATE WITH THE
TRIBES TO
REACH AN
AGREEMENT
WITH THEM.

USING
FORCE
ISN'T MY
STYLE.

THAT'S
...

I
COULDN'T
DO IT,
ANYWAY.

YEAH.

I
REMEM-
BER.

I EX-
PLAINED
THE EIGHT
MAJOR
TRIBES TO
YOU YES-
TERDAY,
RIGHT?

COME
ON!

LET'S
GO!

GOT
IT.

ALL
RIGHT.

KEEP THAT
IN MIND
AS YOU
CAREFULLY
OBSERVE
THE MOVE-
MENTS
OF THE
CHIEFS.



THE HUMANOID
DEMON CLAN
WOULD LIKE TO
CONGRATULATE
YOU ON YOUR
RECOVERY.

...
DEMON
QUEEN.

IT IS
GOOD TO
SEE YOU
AGAIN...



...THEY
ALSO MIX
WITH AND
RECEIVE
MANY
DEMONS
FROM
OTHER
RACES.

BECAUSE
THERE
ARE SO
MANY OF
THEM...

THE ONLY
PURE
BLOODED
HUMANOID
DEMONS
ARE THE
PATTERNED
DEMONS AND
SECRET EYE
DEMONS.



THE
HUMANOID
DEMON
CLAN IS
THE LARG-
EST CLAN.

THEIR AP-
PEARANCE
IS SIMILAR
TO HUMANS.

MOST OF
THEM COULD
PROBABLY
LIVE IN HUMAN
SOCIETIES
WITH SIMPLE
DISGUISES.

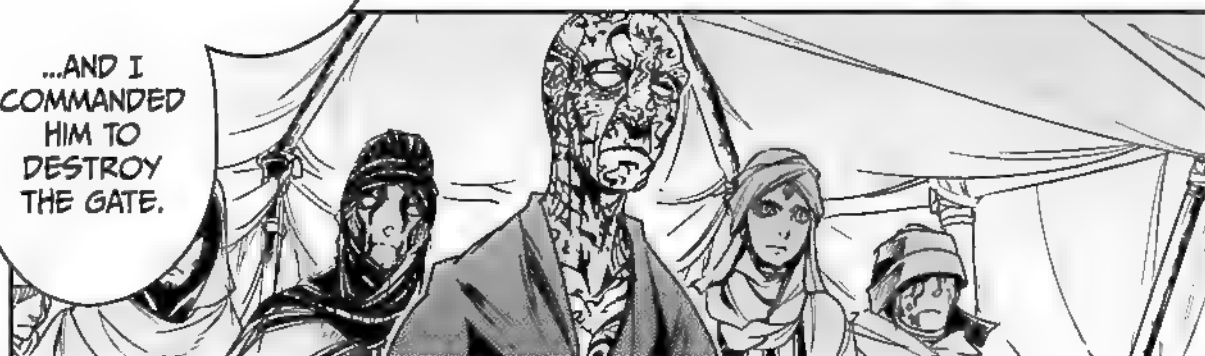


MY REIGN
HAS LASTED
20 YEARS.

IT HAS BEEN
17 YEARS SINCE
HUMAN ARMIES
CAME THROUGH
THE GATE AND
INVADED THE
SPIRIT WORLD.

MY BLACK
KNIGHT
RECLAIMED
GATEWAY CITY
FROM THE
HUMANS...

...AND I
COMMANDED
HIM TO
DESTROY
THE GATE.



THE HUMAN
WORLD AND
SPIRIT WORLD
ARE NOT SEPA-
RATE WORLDS,
BUT TWO
SIDES OF THE
SAME COIN.

WE MUST
WALK THE
RIGHT PATH
IN THIS NEW
WORLD.



MANY
HUMANOID
DEMONS
LIVE IN
GATEWAY
CITY.

YOU MUST
REALIZE
HUMANS ARE
NOT IMPOS-
SIBLE TO
DEAL WITH.



HOWEVER,
WE WILL
ONLY WALK
DOWN THE
MIDDLE OF
THE ROAD.

WE FAVOR
NEITHER
WAR NOR
PEACE.

NATURALLY,
THE HUMANOID
DEMON CLAN
WALK THAT
PATH WITH YOU.



IF WE
WALKED
ALONG THE
EDGE OF THE
ROAD, SOME
WOULD SURELY
SPILL OVER
THE SIDES.

OUR
NUMBERS
ARE MANY,
AND OUR
RACES AND
FORMS ARE
VARIED.

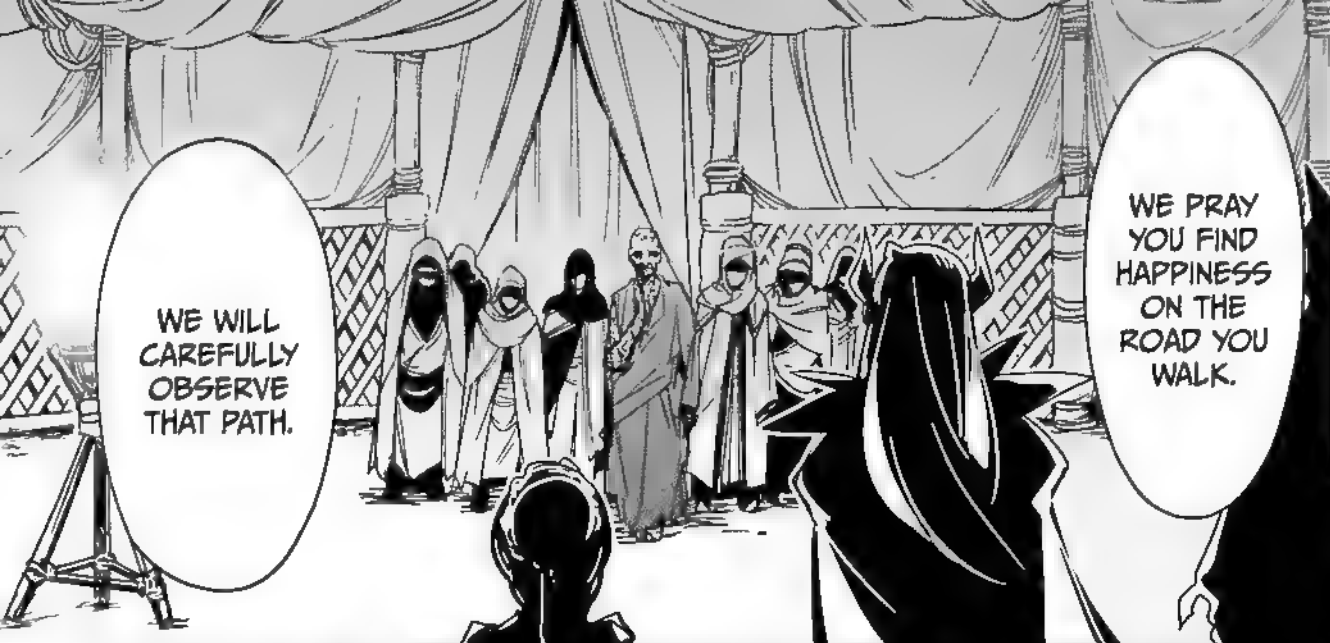


THE
PRIMARY
CHARAC-
TERISTIC
OF THEIR
CLAN IS...

ON AN
INDIVIDUAL
LEVEL, THE
HUMANOID
DEMONS
ARE VERY
CURIOUS.

...ONCE
THEY COME
TOGETHER
AS A GROUP,
THEY TEND
TO WAIT TO
SEE HOW THE
WIND BLOWS.

THEY'RE
ABLE TO ACT
ACCORDING
TO THE CIR-
CUMSTANCES
OF EVERY
SITUATION.



WE WILL
CAREFULLY
OBSERVE
THAT PATH.

WE PRAY
YOU FIND
HAPPINESS
ON THE
ROAD YOU
WALK.



WE'LL HAVE
TO BRACE
OURSELVES
FOR THEM.

GOT
IT!



THEM,
HUH?

THE BLUE
DEMON CLAN
COMING NEXT
IS THE FORE-
FRONT OF THE
MOVEMENT TO
INVADE THE
HUMAN WORLD.

THEY'RE
VERY ELIT-
IST. THEY'RE
PROBABLY
THE MOST
DIFFICULT
CLAN TO
DEAL WITH.



I...
I SEE.

AS THE
LEADER
OF THE
BLUE
DEMONS...

DEMON
QUEEN,
HOW DO
YOU DO?

...I
CELEBRATE
THE OPENING
OF THIS
HISTORICAL
KURULTAI.



HOW-
EVER...

IN THE
PREVIOUS
WAR, YOU
FAILED TO
ACT PRO-
ACTIVELY...

MY,
MY.

...AND
DIDN'T EVEN
LEAD THE
VANGUARD.

I APOLOGIZE,
DEMON QUEEN,
BUT I MIS-
JUDGED YOU.

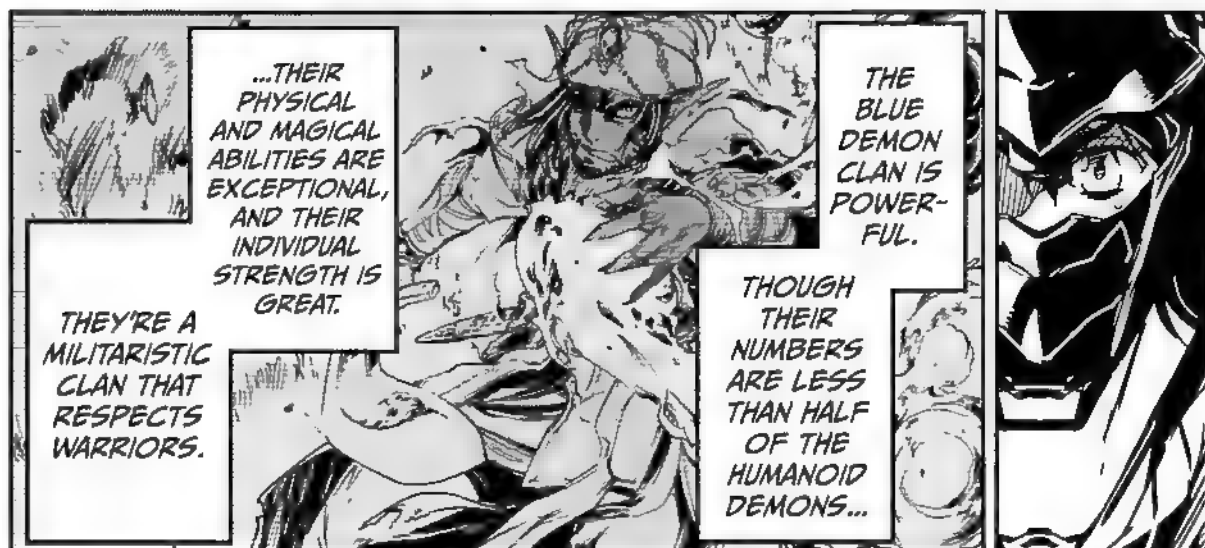


YOU
HAVE ALSO
RECRUITED
THE POWERFUL
BLACK KNIGHT.

I AM
TRULY
PLEASED.

...YOU
DEFEATED
THE HERO IN
GLORIOUS
SINGLE
COMBAT.

I AM
SURPRISED
AND CAN-
NOT HELP
BUT RE-
SPECT
YOU.

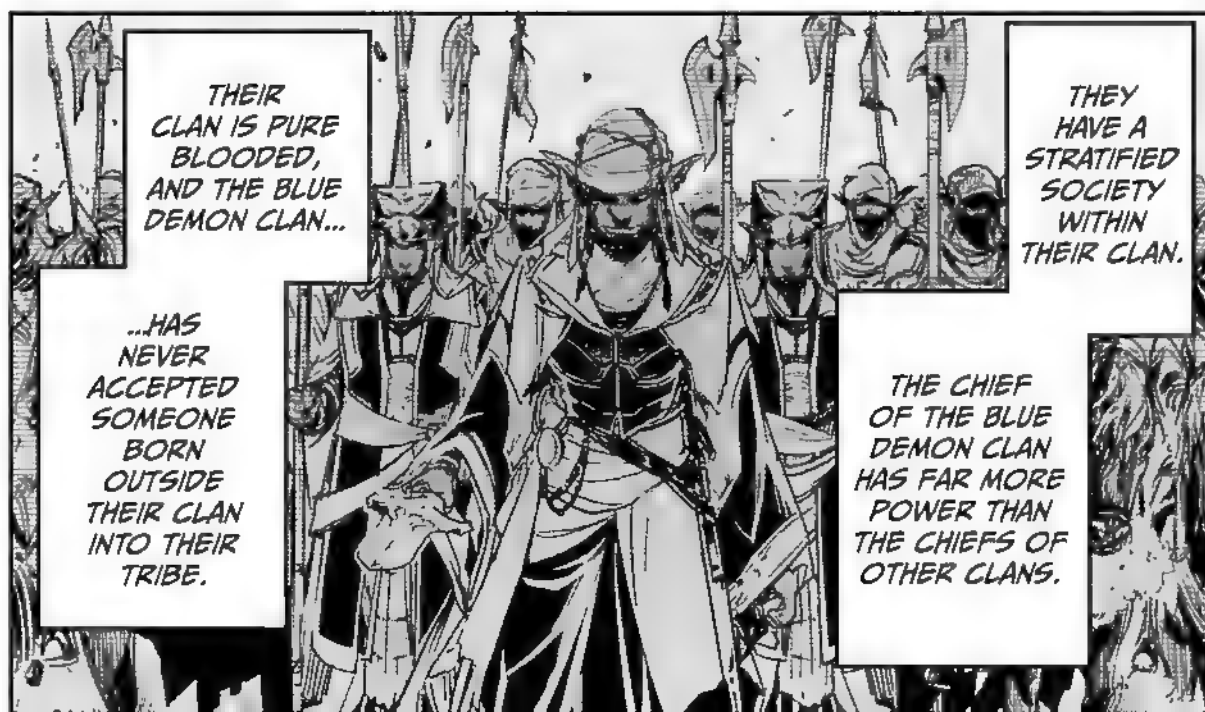


...THEIR
PHYSICAL
AND MAGICAL
ABILITIES ARE
EXCEPTIONAL,
AND THEIR
INDIVIDUAL
STRENGTH IS
GREAT.

THEY'RE A
MILITARISTIC
CLAN THAT
RESPECTS
WARRIORS.

THE
BLUE
DEMON
CLAN IS POWER-
FUL.

THOUGH
THEIR
NUMBERS
ARE LESS
THAN HALF
OF THE
HUMANOID
DEMONS...



THEIR
CLAN IS PURE
BLOODED,
AND THE BLUE
DEMON CLAN...

...HAS
NEVER
ACCEPTED
SOMEONE
BORN
OUTSIDE
THEIR CLAN
INTO THEIR
TRIBE.

THEY
HAVE A
STRATIFIED
SOCIETY
WITHIN
THEIR CLAN.

THE CHIEF
OF THE BLUE
DEMON CLAN
HAS FAR MORE
POWER THAN
THE CHIEFS OF
OTHER CLANS.



WITH THE
COMBINED
STRENGTH
OF YOU AND
THE BLACK
KNIGHT...

...WE
HAVE
NOTHING
TO FEAR
FROM
THE
HUMANS.



NO...

NO.



WE
SHOULD
DISPATCH
AN ARMY
IMMEDI-
ATELY...

...AND LAY
WASTE TO THE
KINGDOMS OF
HUMANKIND.



!
ABOUT
THAT...

THE ARMIES
OF THE BLUE
DEMONS WILL
DO THE BEST
THEY CAN TO
ASSIST YOU.



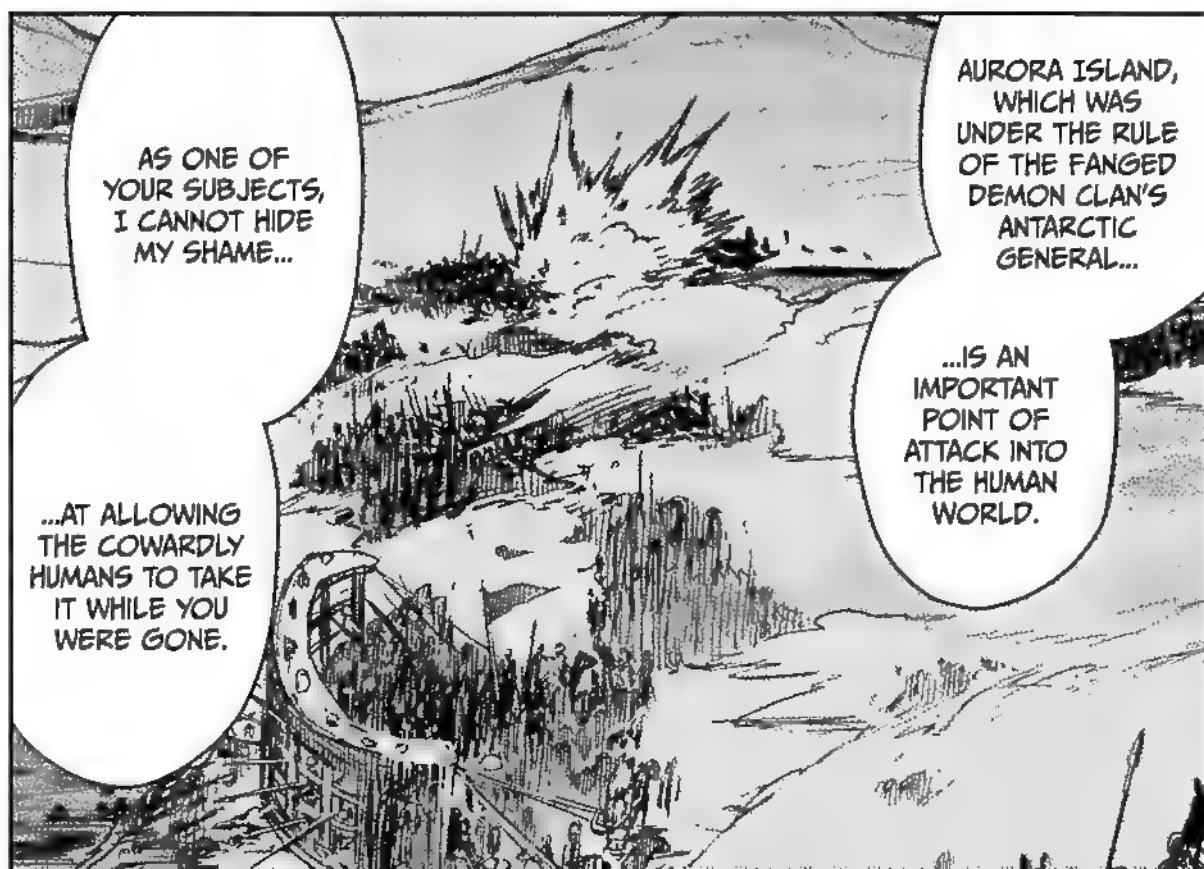
...THE BLUE
DEMONS
INVADED THE
HUMAN WORLD
WHILE I WAS
RECOVERING
FROM MY
INJURIES.

I ASK
THAT YOU
EXPLAIN
WHY...



THIS
IS UNEX-
PECTED.

WHY
DID YOU
DISPATCH
AN ARMY
WITHOUT
MY PER-
MISSION?



AS ONE OF
YOUR SUBJECTS,
I CANNOT HIDE
MY SHAME...

...AT ALLOWING
THE COWARDLY
HUMANS TO TAKE
IT WHILE YOU
WERE GONE.

AURORA ISLAND,
WHICH WAS
UNDER THE RULE
OF THE FANGED
DEMON CLAN'S
ANTARCTIC
GENERAL...

...IS AN
IMPORTANT
POINT OF
ATTACK INTO
THE HUMAN
WORLD.



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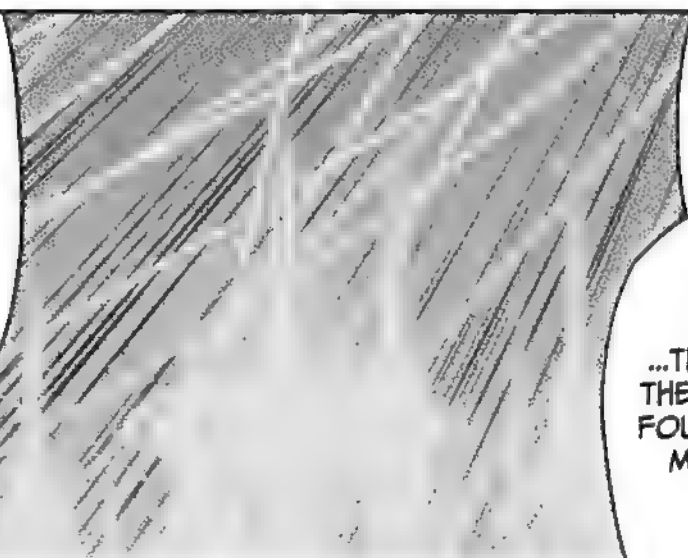


WHILE YOU
WERE RE-
COVERING
FROM YOUR
WOUNDS...

...WE HAD
TO ACT TO
RESTORE THE
DIGNITY OF
YOUR ARMIES.



...WE WERE
RETURNED TO
THE SPIRIT
WORLD WITH-
OUT ENGAG-
ING A SINGLE
ENEMY.



...EMBAR-
RASSINGLY
ENOUGH...

...THROUGH
THE USE OF
FOUL HUMAN
MAGIC...

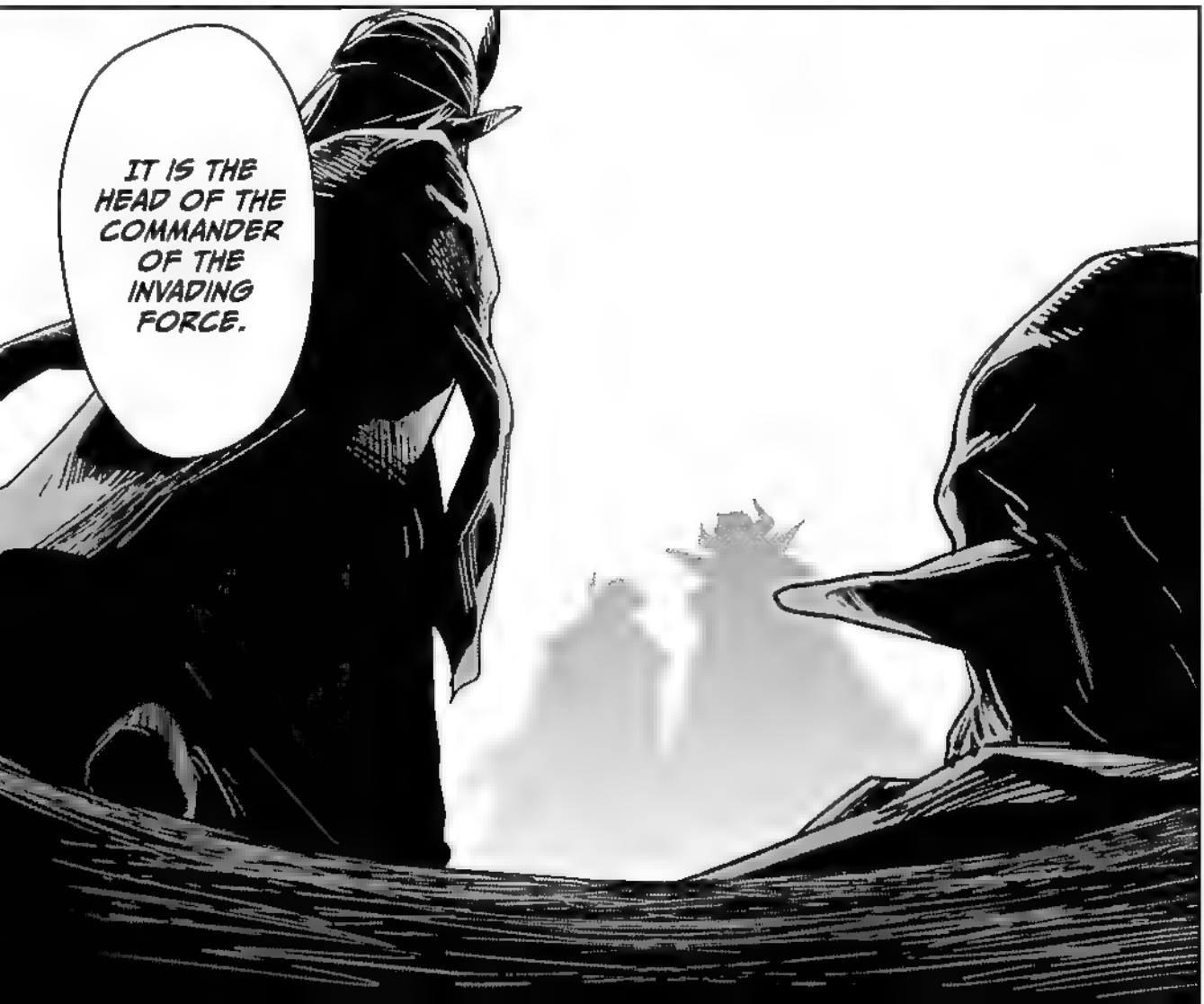
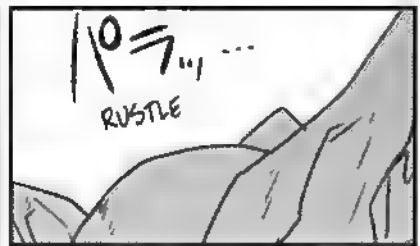


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MEMBER
OF YOUR
ARMIES,
I AM
ASHAMED
OF THIS
OUTCOME.

I CANNOT
APOLO-
GIZE
ENOUGH.



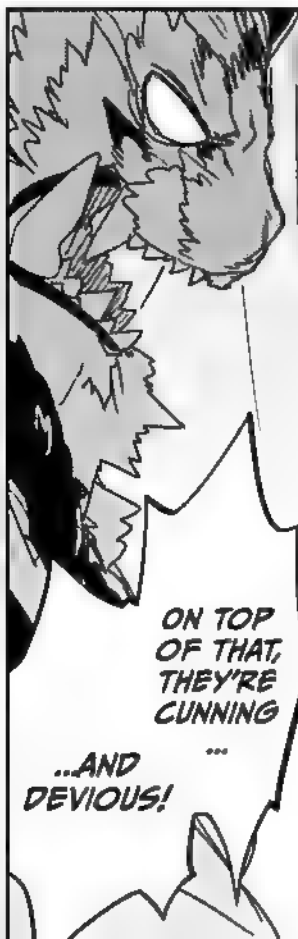




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ON TOP
OF THAT,
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CUNNING
...
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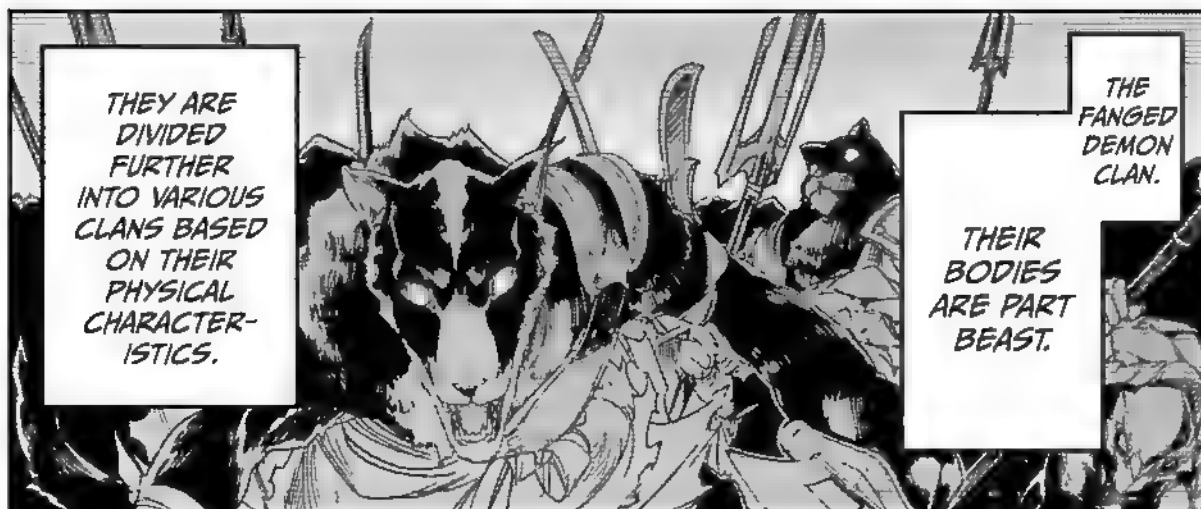


THEY
ARE
WEAK!

I DO
UNDER-
STAND
THEM!

BUT THEY
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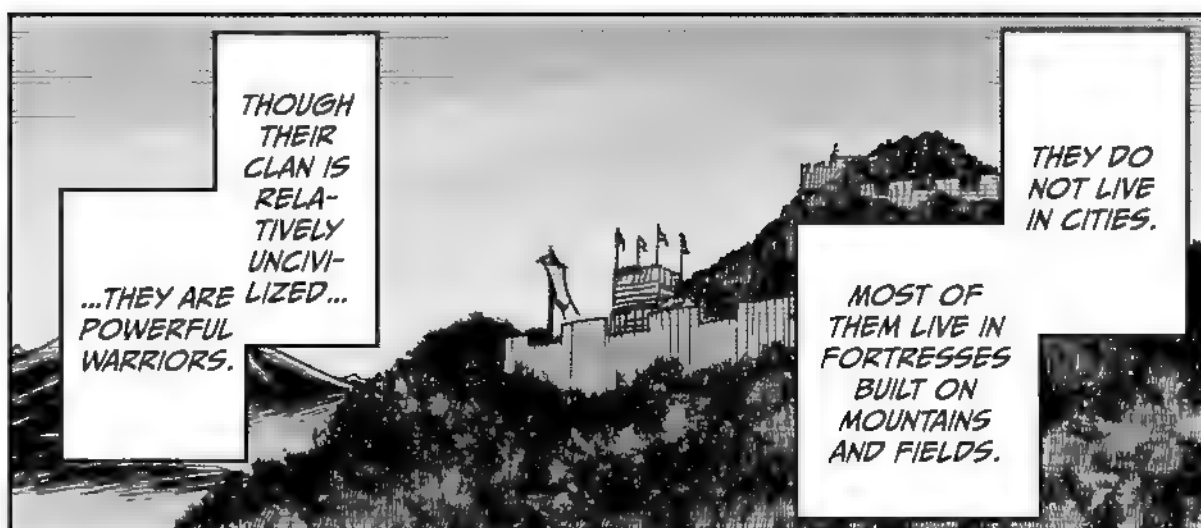
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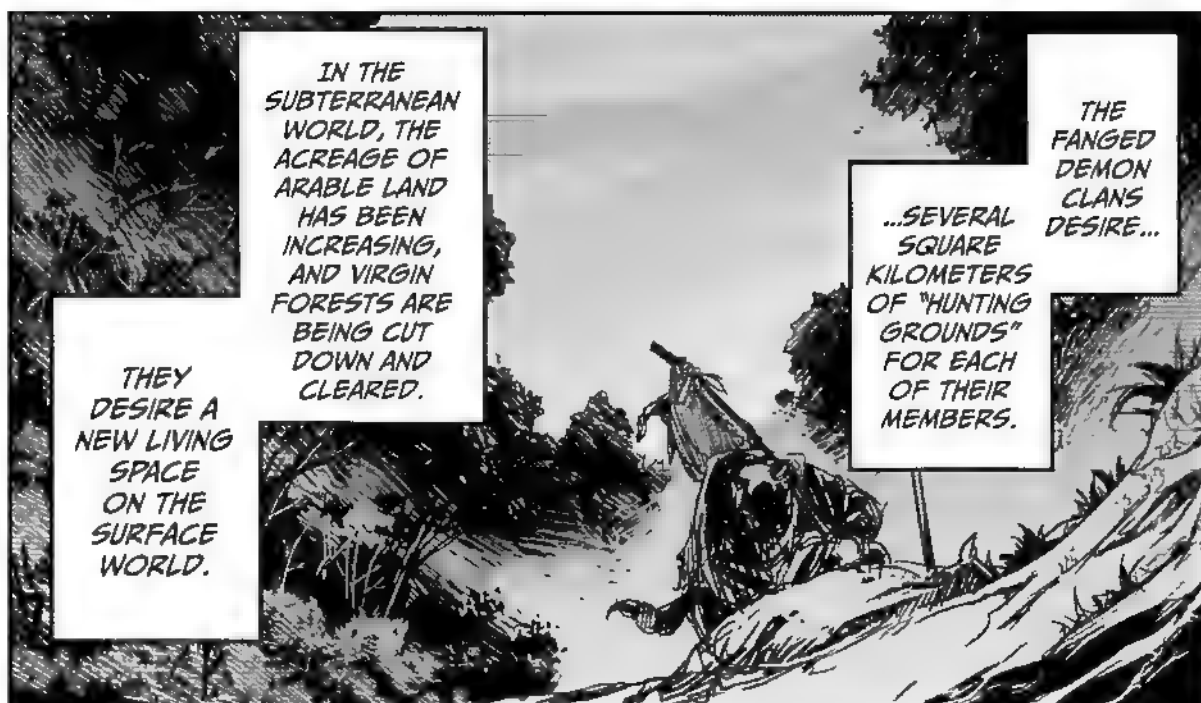


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THEY DO
NOT LIVE
IN CITIES.

MOST OF
THEM LIVE IN
FORTRESSES
BUILT ON
MOUNTAINS
AND FIELDS.



THEY
DESIRE A
NEW LIVING
SPACE
ON THE
SURFACE
WORLD.

IN THE
SUBTERRANEAN
WORLD, THE
ACREAGE OF
ARABLE LAND
HAS BEEN
INCREASING,
AND VIRGIN
FORESTS ARE
BEING CUT
DOWN AND
CLEARED.

...SEVERAL
SQUARE
KILOMETERS
OF "HUNTING
GROUNDS"
FOR EACH
OF THEIR
MEMBERS.

THE
FANGED
DEMON
CLANS
DESIRE...



HOW DARE
YOU SPEAK
OF THEM WHEN
YOU'VE NEVER
FOUGHT
THEM!

IT'S
AB-
SURD!

YEAH!

THAT'S
RIGHT!

YEAH!



HAVE
YOU EVER
CROSSED
SWORDS
WITH THEM,
DEMON
QUEEN?

BUT...



RUMBLE



THAT'S
ENOUGH.



BESIDES,
I TAKE
ISSUE
WITH...

...HAVING
A WEAK
WOMAN
SUCH AS
YOURSELF
FOR A
QUEEN!



HRM.
THE
BLACK
KNIGHT.



I WON'T
ALLOW YOU
TO DISRE-
SPECT THE
QUEEN ANY
FURTHER.



YOU
SEEM TO
HAVE BEEN
BLESSED
WITH
STRONG
SERVANTS.

I
SEE.



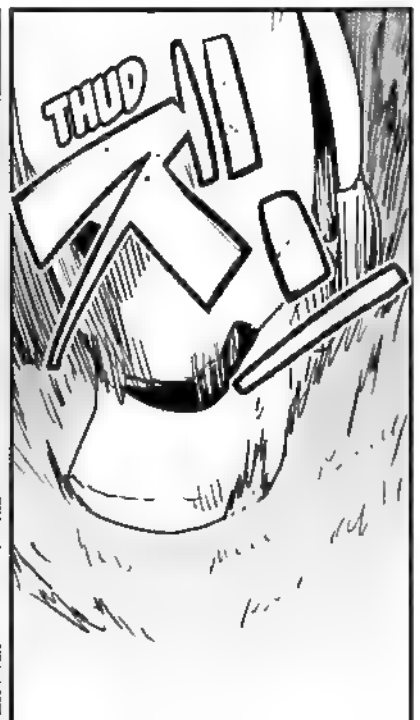
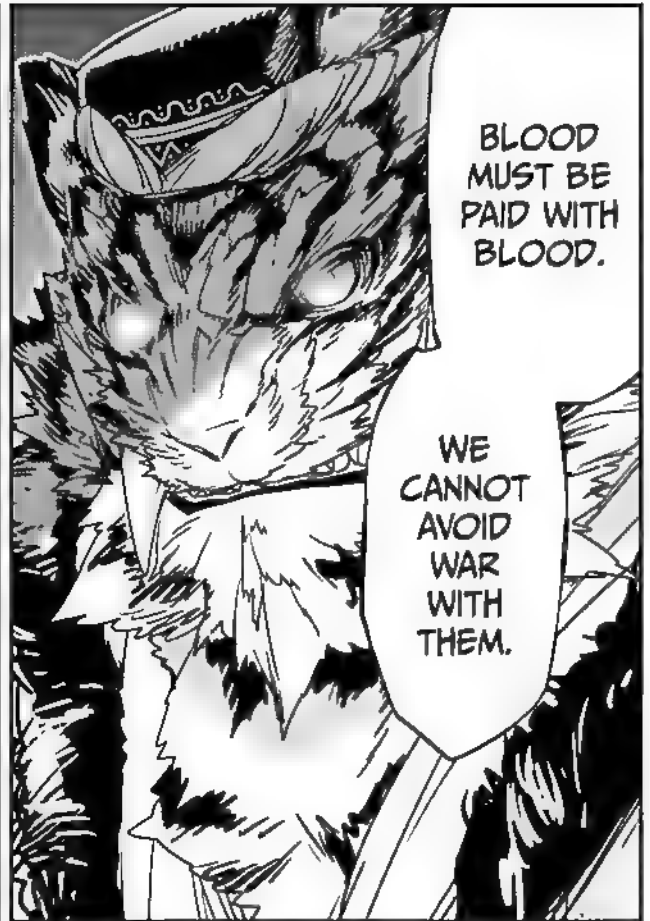
I HEARD
YOU CON-
QUERED
THE BLACK
WOLVES.



...MY FRIEND,
THE ANTARCTIC
GENERAL, WAS
KILLED BY THE
NASTY HUMANS.

HOW-
EVER...

...WHILE
YOU WERE
GONE...





YOUR
FLABBY
DEMON
QUEEN?



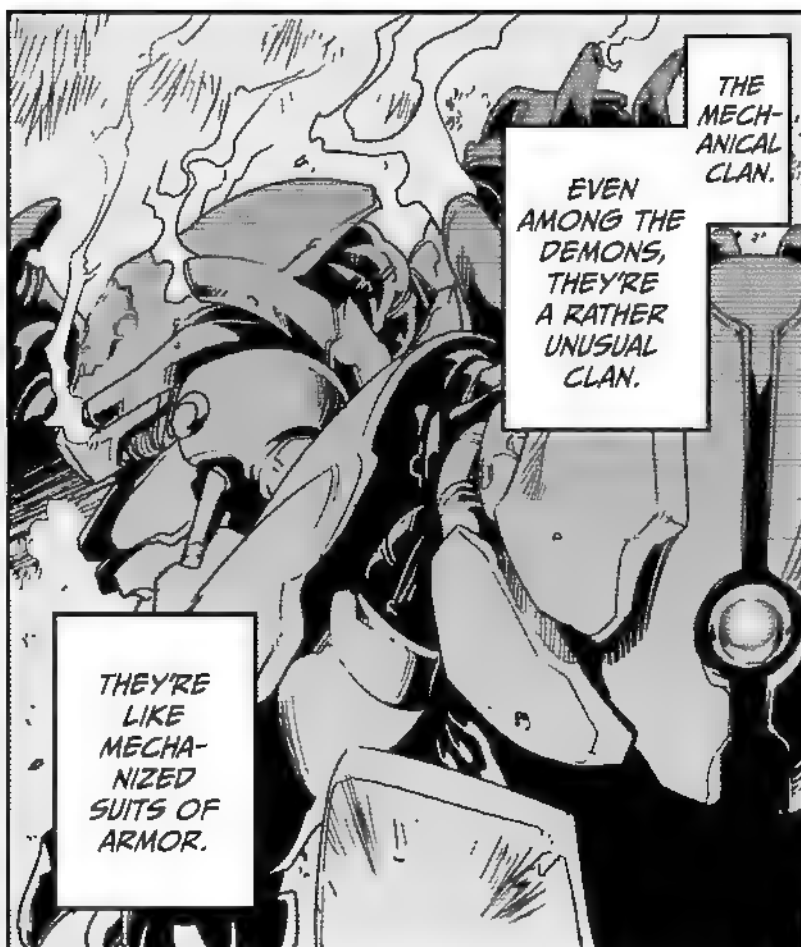
IT'S
GOOD
TO SEE
YOU
AGAIN...

...MY
FLESH
AND
BLOOD
DEMON
QUEEN.



WHETHER
IT'S TO
MAINTAIN
THEIR
BODIES OR
REPRO-
DUCE...

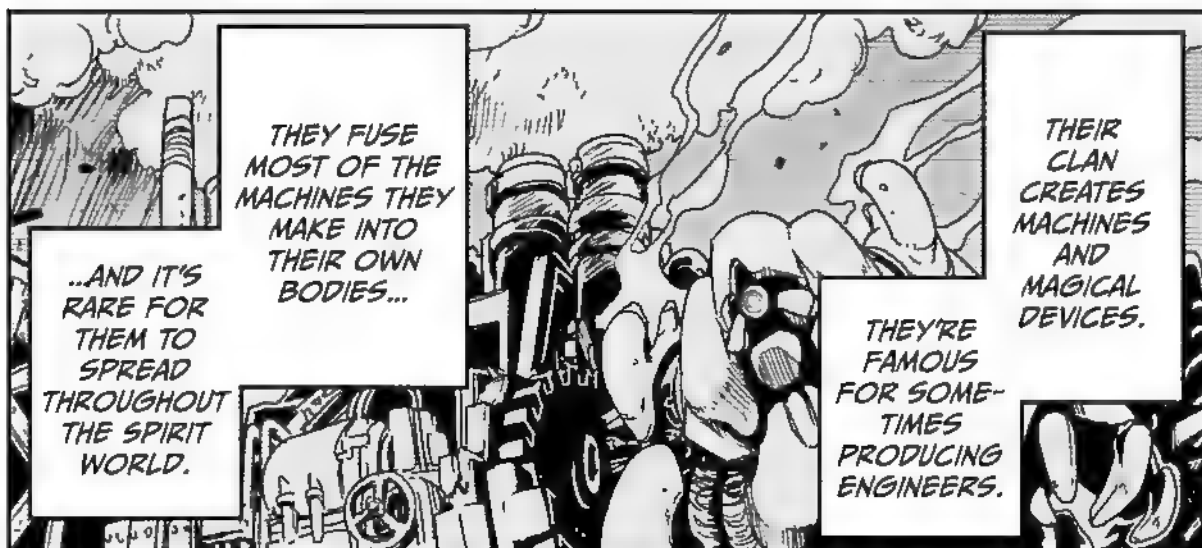
...THEY
CON-
STANTLY
DEMAND
MINERAL
RESOURC-
ES,



THE
MECH-
ANICAL
CLAN.

EVEN
AMONG THE
DEMONS,
THEY'RE
A RATHER
UNUSUAL
CLAN.

THEY'RE
LIKE
MECHA-
NIZED
SUITS OF
ARMOR.

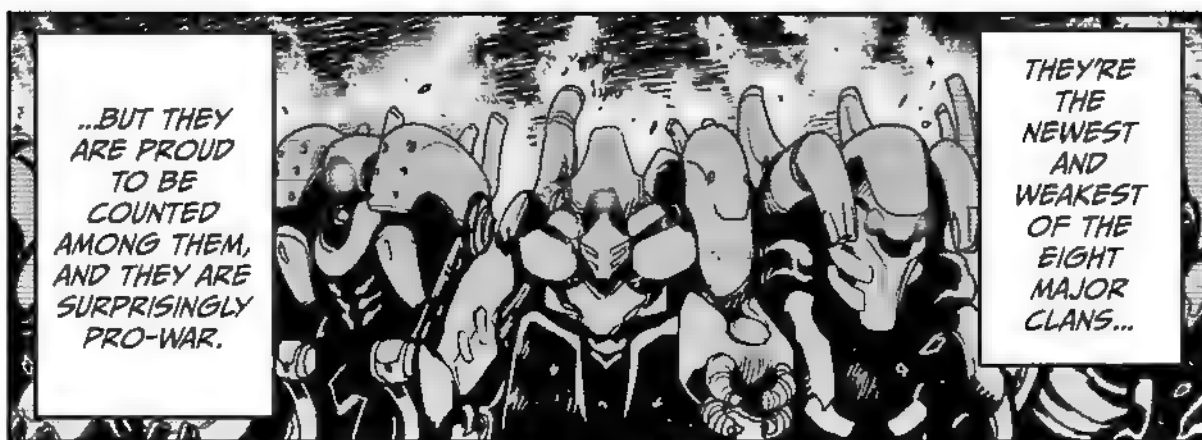


...AND IT'S
RARE FOR
THEM TO
SPREAD
THROUGHOUT
THE SPIRIT
WORLD.

THEY FUSE
MOST OF THE
MACHINES THEY
MAKE INTO
THEIR OWN
BODIES...

THEIR
CLAN
CREATES
MACHINES
AND
MAGICAL
DEVICES.

THEY'RE
FAMOUS
FOR SOME-
TIMES
PRODUCING
ENGINEERS.



...BUT THEY
ARE PROUD
TO BE
COUNTED
AMONG THEM,
AND THEY ARE
SURPRISINGLY
PRO-WAR.

THEY'RE
THE
NEWEST
AND
WEAKEST
OF THE
EIGHT
MAJOR
CLANS...



IT'S
NATURAL FOR
PEACE AND A
CESSION OF
HOSTILITIES
TO BECOME
AN OPTION.

WE HAVE
BOTH LOST
IMPORTANT
STRONG-
HOLDS.



WHAT NEED
IS THERE
TO AVOID
WAR WITH
HUMANS?

THEY
ARE THE
AGGRES-
SORS.



I
SEE.



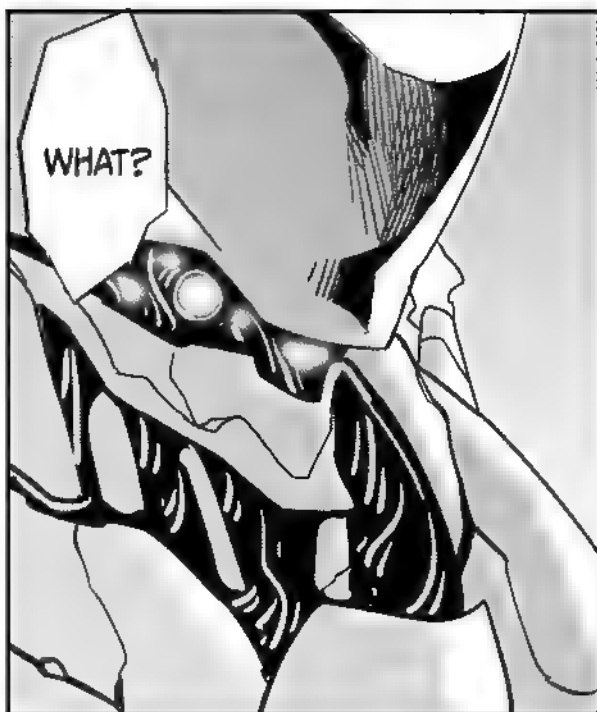
THERE ARE
SURELY
MINERALS
WE HAVE
NEVER SEEN
IN THE HUMAN
WORLD.

WE
NEED
IRON
ORE
AND
MINER-
ALS.

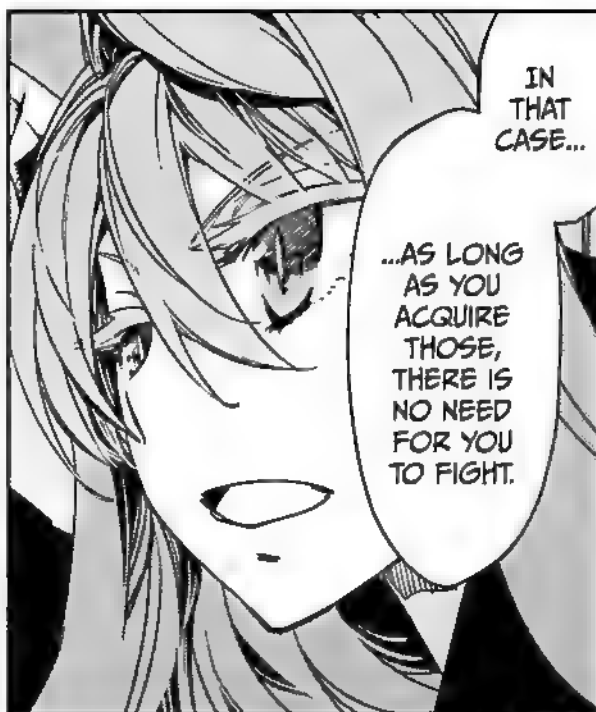


WE HAVE
ALWAYS
WON.

WE HAVE
NO INTEN-
TION OF
AVOIDING
WAR.

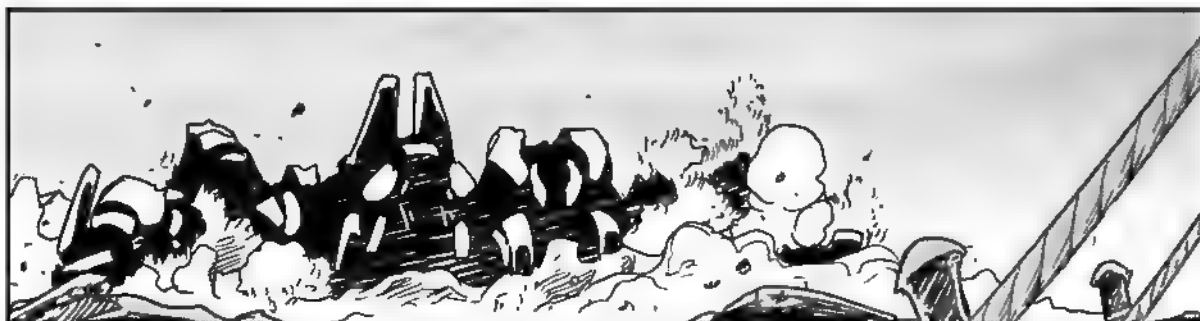


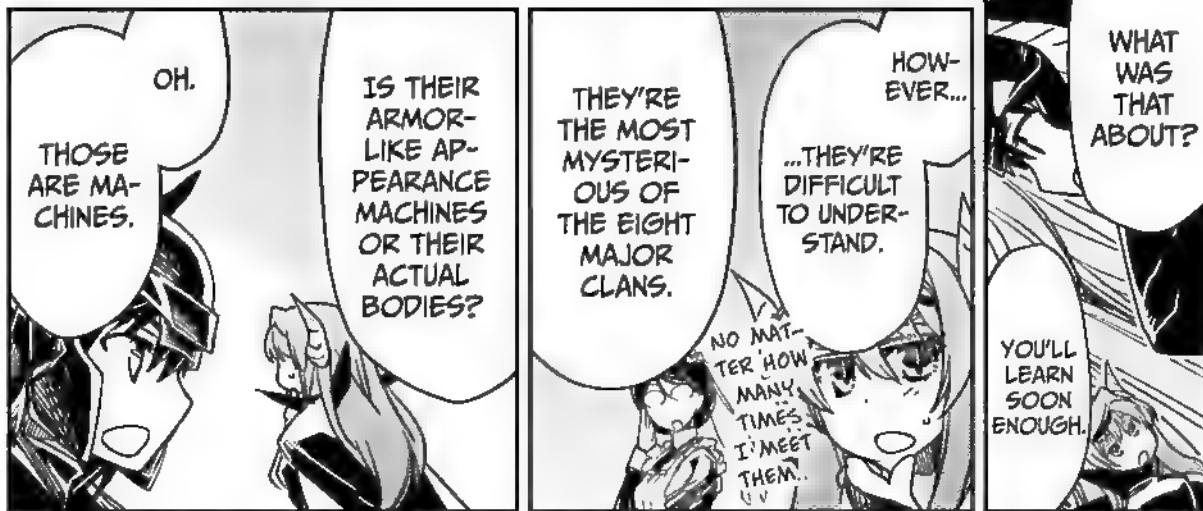
WHAT?



IN
THAT
CASE...

...AS LONG
AS YOU
ACQUIRE
THOSE,
THERE IS
NO NEED
FOR YOU
TO FIGHT.

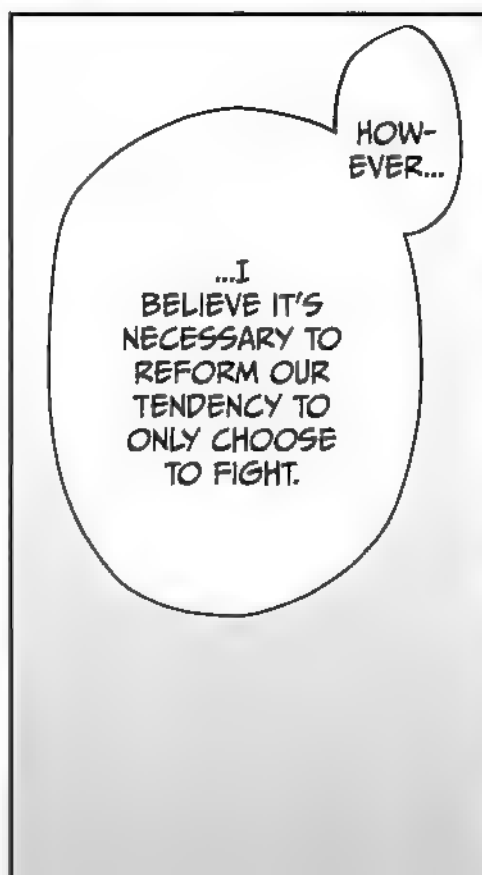






WE ARE
SURE TO
WIN WITH
THE BLACK
KNIGHT ON
OUR SIDE.

WHY
DO YOU
HESI-
TATE?



HOW-
EVER...

...I
BELIEVE IT'S
NECESSARY TO
REFORM OUR
TENDENCY TO
ONLY CHOOSE
TO FIGHT.



I WILL NOT
HESITATE...

...WHEN
WE MUST
FIGHT.



THEIR ALOOF
CLAN LIVES IN
THE MOUNTAINS
AND DOESN'T
REACH OUT TO
OTHER TRIBES.

THE
DRAGON
CLAN IS
POWERFUL
AND WISE
AS WELL.



THE
BLACK
KNIGHT
IS A TRUE
HERO.

IF HE
SERVES
YOU, I WILL
LISTEN TO
WHAT YOU
SAY.

HRM.

I
SEE.







HU-
MANS...

...
CRAFTY.



WE...

...
FIGHT.



HUMANS

...

...TRICK.

HUMANS
ATTACK.



YOU
LIE.

I HEARD
HUMANS AND
GIANTS ONCE
FOUGHT
LONG AGO.

HOWEVER,
THAT IS NOT
EVERYTHING
HUMANS ARE.

SOME LIVE IN MOUNTAINS, SOME LIVE IN FORESTS, AND SOME LIVE IN HILLS. THEIR PERSONALITIES ARE VARIED.

THEIR BODIES ARE INCREDIBLY LARGE AND POWERFUL.

THE GIANT CLAN.

APPARENTLY THEIR ANCESTORS VENTURED INTO THE SURFACE WORLD A FEW TIMES.

THEY DON'T SEEM TO LIKE HUMANS.

SPEAKING WITH THEM YOU'LL REALIZE THEY'RE A SIMPLE AND HONEST PEOPLE.

SOME OF THEM ARE ROWDY, BUT THEY'RE ONLY "ROWDY."

THEY'RE AREN'T SAVAGE.

EVEN THEIR CHILDREN KNOW THE STORY.

THEY WANT NOTHING TO DO WITH THE SURFACE WORLD.

...IS A STORY TOLD THROUGHOUT THEIR ENTIRE CLAN.

"MEAN HUMANS TRICK GIANTS AND FORCE THEM TO WORK"...







IF WE
CAN AVOID
A CONFLICT,
NOTHING
WOULD
PLEASE US
MORE.



AH.
THEN...



THEY
ARE ONE
OF THE
MORE
SKILLFUL
CLANS.
SOME OF
THEM ARE
CAPABLE
OF MAGIC.

THEY
EXCEL
IN THE
USE OF
SPIRITS.



THE OGRE
CALL CLAN
ARE A TRIBE
OF HORNED
DEMONS.
THEY
LIVE ON
THE EAST-
ERN END
OF THE
SUBTER-
RANEAN
WORLD.



HOW-
EVER...



SMILE
7
...

MY JOB
IS TO MINI-
MIZE THE
AMOUNT
OF BLOOD
THAT'S
SHED.



...THE
SITUATION
IS NOT SO
LUKEWARM...

...THAT
WE CAN
AVOID
BLOOD-
SHED.



?

FINALLY,
SOME-
ONE WHO
UNDER-
STANDS



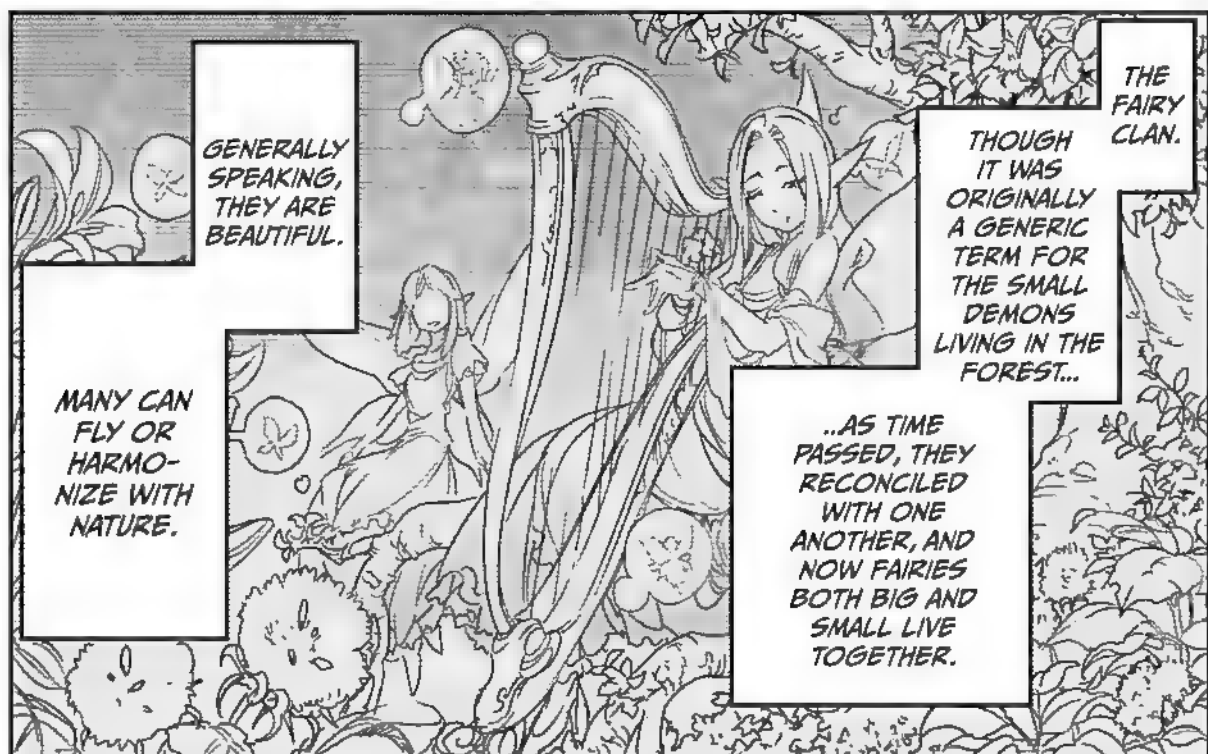
DEMON
QUEEN.

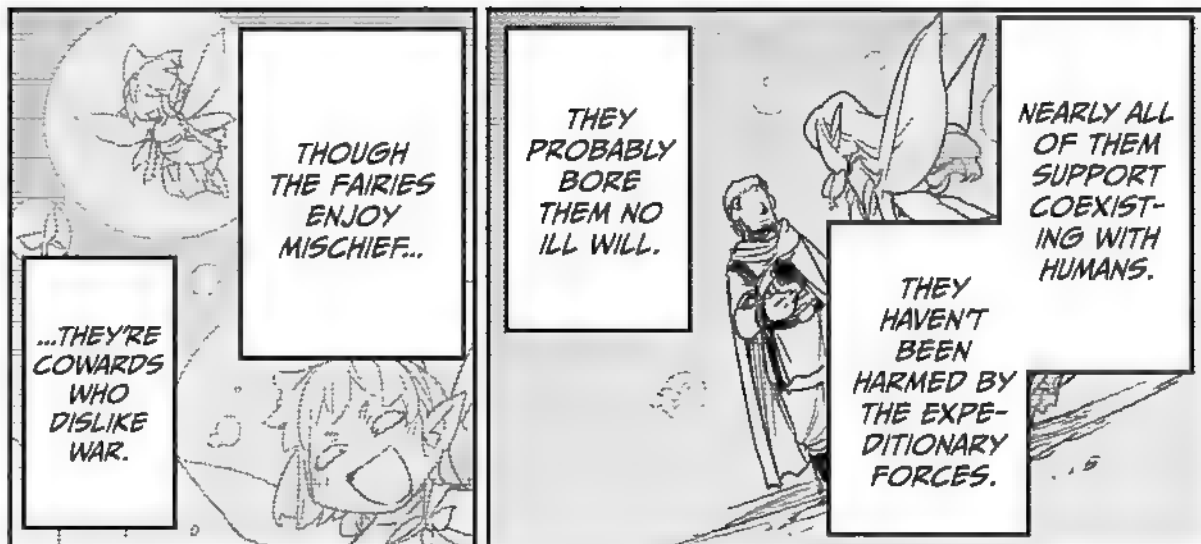
BLACK
KNIGHT.

AS THE
LEADER OF
THE FAIRY CLAN,
I CELEBRATE
YOUR RECOVERY
AND THE
OPENING OF
THE KURULTAI.

IT'S
GOOD
TO SEE
YOU
AGAIN.







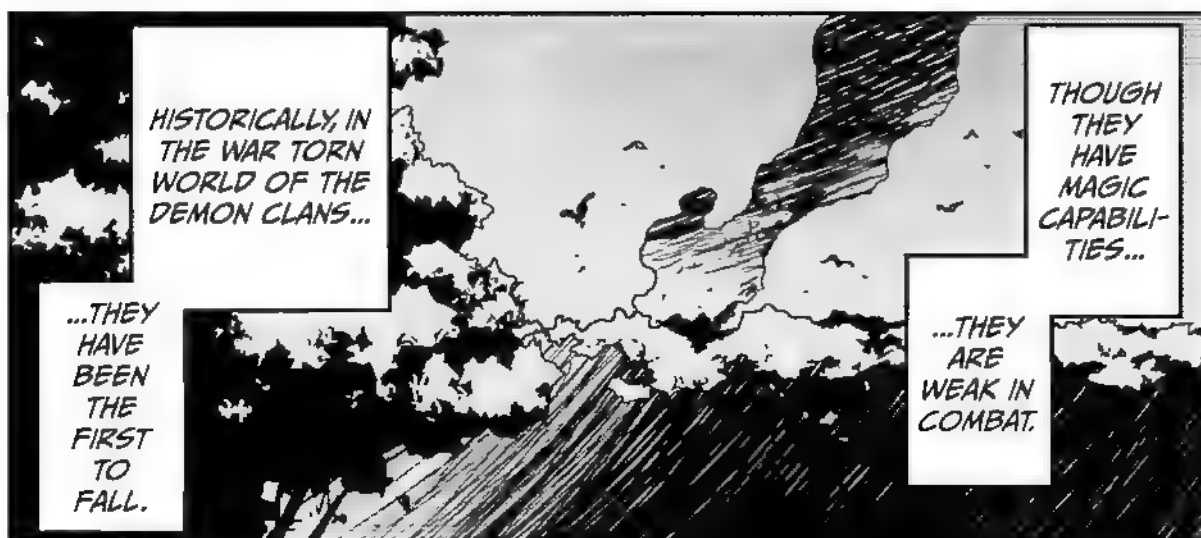
...THEY'RE
COWARDS
WHO
DISLIKE
WAR.

THOUGH
THE FAIRIES
ENJOY
MISCHIEF...

THEY
PROBABLY
BORE
THEM NO
ILL WILL.

THEY
HAVEN'T
BEEN
HARMED BY
THE EXPE-
DITIONARY
FORCES.

NEARLY ALL
OF THEM
SUPPORT
COEXIST-
ING WITH
HUMANS.



HISTORICALLY, IN
THE WAR TORN
WORLD OF THE
DEMON CLANS...

...THEY
HAVE
BEEN
THE
FIRST
TO
FALL.

THOUGH
THEY
HAVE
MAGIC
CAPABILI-
TIES...

...THEY
ARE
WEAK IN
COMBAT.



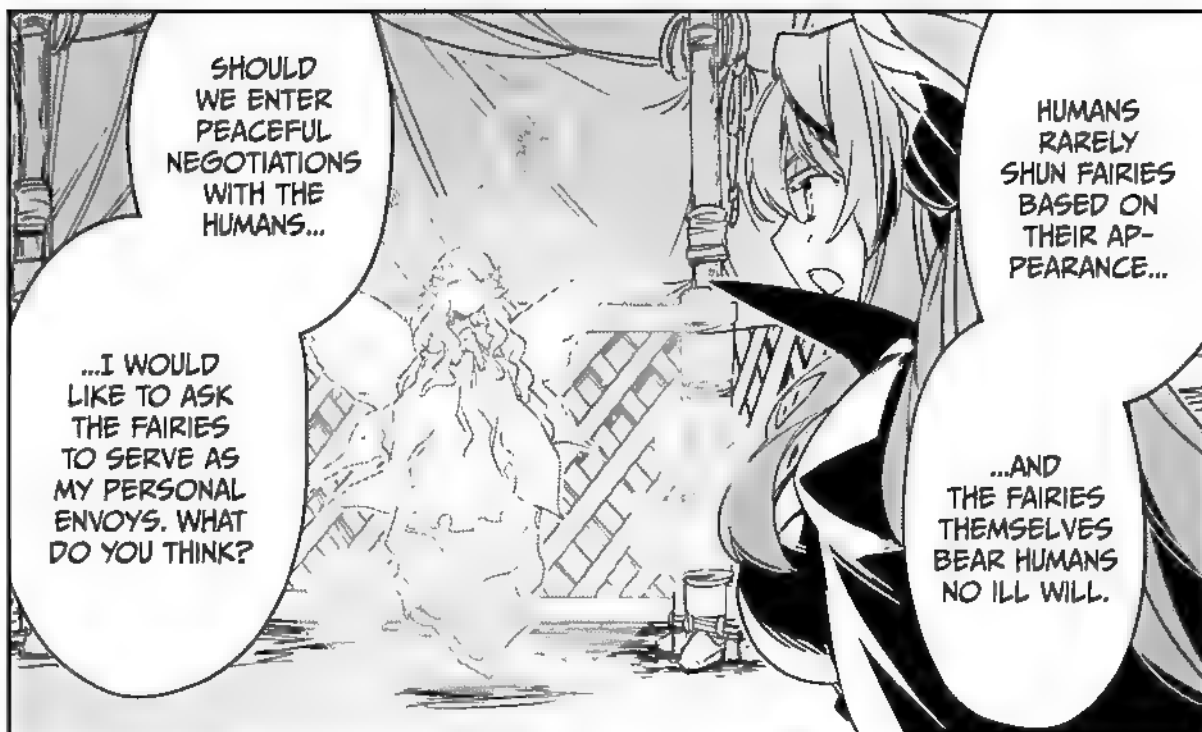
YES,
YOUR
MAJ-
ESTY.

WHATEVER
YOU DESIRE.

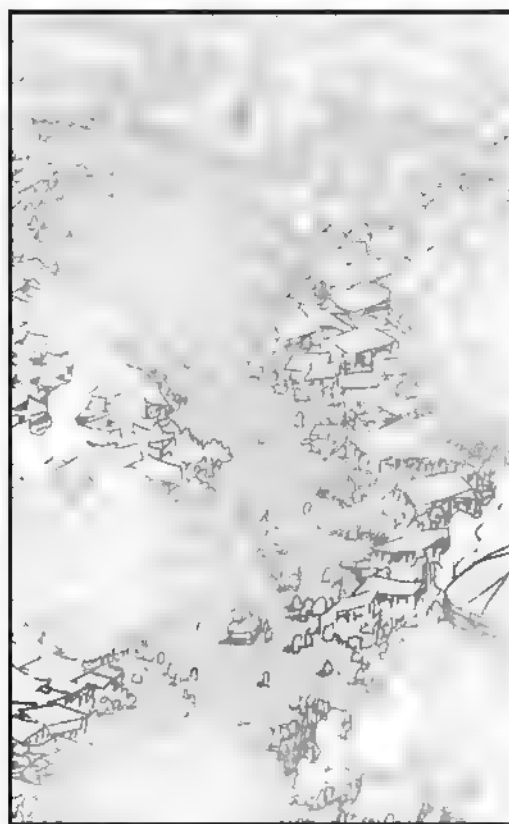
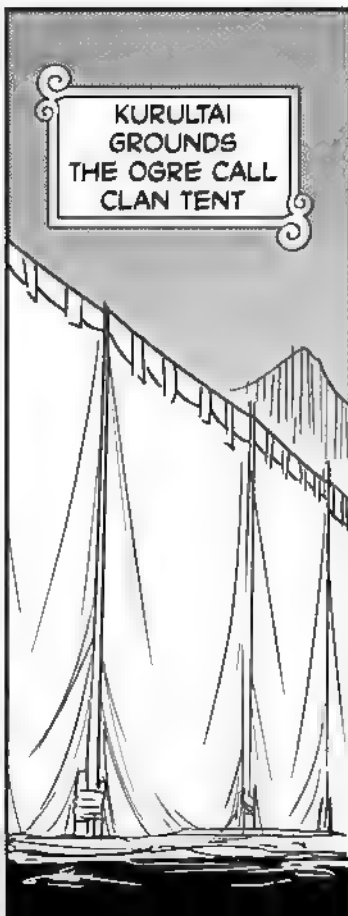
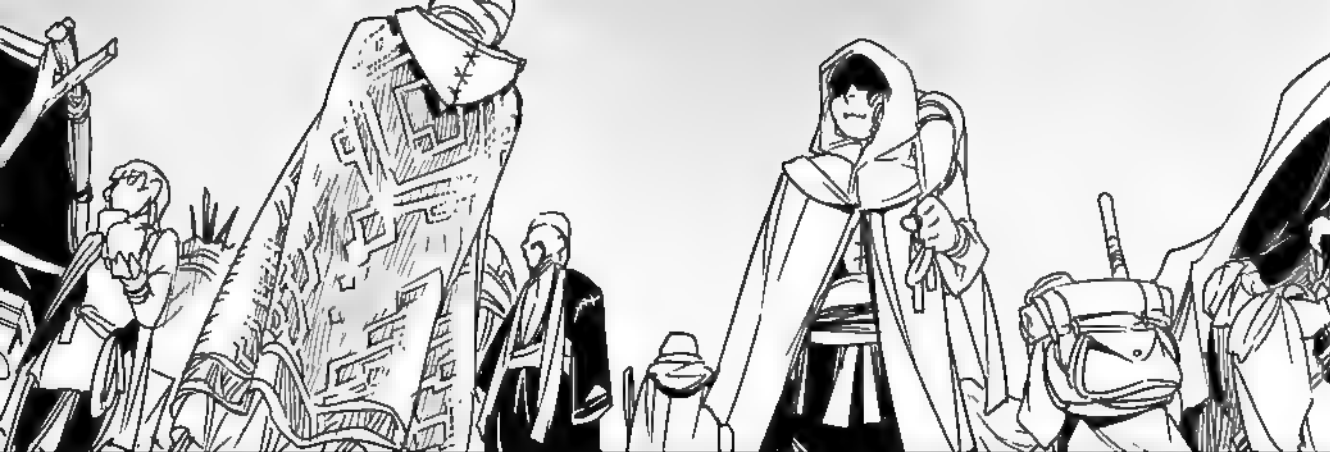


FAIRY
QUEEN.

I HAVE A
FAVOR TO
ASK OF
YOU.









WE ARE NOT
OPPOSED TO
A CEASEFIRE.

OUR LANDS
ARE FAR
FROM THE
REMAINS OF
THE GATE.

IT WOULD BE
DIFFICULT TO
MAINTAIN OUR
LANDS AND
SEND SOLDIERS
TO THE HUMAN
WORLD.



DO
WE AS
WELL?

THE
CURRENT
DEMON
QUEEN
DESIRES A
CEASEFIRE.



YES.



YOU
MEAN...

!



HOWEVER,
EVEN IF WE
SUPPORT A
CEASEFIRE...

...IT MAY BE
MEANING-
LESS.





BY THE WAY, THE KURULATI, WAS IT?

DESPITE HOW I SEEM, I USED TO MAKE QUITE THE FUSS.

ANYWAY, YOU'RE A STRONG ONE, OLD MAN.



THE DEMON QUEEN AND MAJOR CLANS SHOW UP.

IT'S A BIG MEETING THAT'S HELD EVERY FEW DECADES.

OH, RIGHT.

WHAT IS THAT?

CLATTER



WE'VE GOT TO HELP EACH OTHER, RIGHT? DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

NOT AT ALL.

DO YOU MIND IF I RIDE WITH YOU?



I THOUGHT I'D BE ABLE TO SELL MY CORN THERE.

THERE MIGHT BE NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRADE TOO.

IT MUST BE
AN INFINITELY
VALUABLE
SOURCE OF
INFORMATION.

CLATTER

THE
KURUL-
TAI.
A
STRATEGIC
MEETING OF
DEMONS
ATTENDED
EVEN BY
THE DEMON
QUEEN.

CLATTER

CLUNK

CLATTER

CLATTER

KURULTAI
GROUNDS
THE DRAGON
CLAN TENT

GOOD
EVENING.
PLEASE
EXCUSE
ME.

STEP

FROM
THE
PRIN-
CESS?

THERE'S
SOMEONE
WITH A
LETTER
OF INTRO-
DUCTION
FROM THE
PRINCESS
WHO'S HERE
TO SEE
YOU.

EXCUSE
ME.



THE CLAN SYSTEM

Clans are groups of blood relatives with common ancestors. In the past, some societies incorporated clans into their political structure.

GROUPS OF BLOOD RELATIVES

Since ancient times, humans have lived in groups, with the family being the smallest unit. Scientifically speaking, there are several different types of these groups, and groups of blood relatives sharing a common ancestor are known as “clans.” A system that incorporates clans into its political structure is known as a “clan system.”



Demons are broken down into many clans, and countless clans have gathered for the Kurultai.

The Yamato imperial court of Japan was a powerful family who served on the imperial court because they commanded subjects who served as their labor force, and in exchange they were granted status and the right to rule over the people. The Uji-Kabane system was named after the clans and hereditary titles powerful families were granted expressing their office and status.

As time passed, the people they ruled over began adopting clan names for themselves. Even groups including individuals who weren't blood relatives were called clans.

There are also examples in foreign countries of clans being incorporated into political systems. For example, in the island country of England, a clan system was born in Scotland during the 10th Century. However, even though the Scottish clans served a royal authority, unlike the clans of Japan, they were nearly completely autonomous. The clans were stronger, and they were subordinate to the royal authority in name only.

“Blood runs thicker than water.” True to the expression, the bonds born from the sense of unity of blood relatives are strong. In England, the various different races that immigrated to the country formed their own clans. As the differences between the clans were great, the people's sense of belonging to their clans strengthened, making it difficult for them to function as a unified nation.

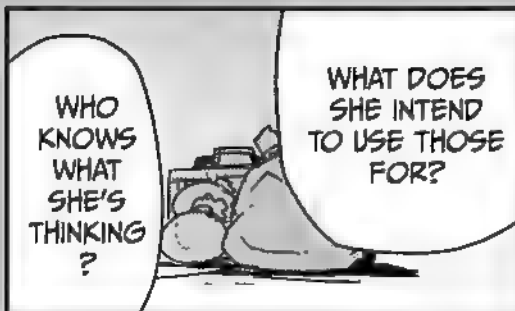


The Blue Demon Clan heads the list of clans in favor of war. It will be necessary for the Demon Queen to convince them to make her goal reality...

In this work, there are clans among the demons living in the Spirit World. Though they are all demons, the differences between the demon clans are even larger than the differences between various human races. Before they began fighting humans, demons never ceased fighting one another, but perhaps this was inevitable. Even the demon monarch tying them together is not an absolute power, but instead the leader of a federation of powerful clans.

The need for a unanimous decision at a Kurultai is evidence of the strength of the clan chiefs.

MEANWHILE, THE SONS





DON'T
YOU THINK
YOU'VE
PICKED THE
WRONG MAN
FOR THE
JOB?



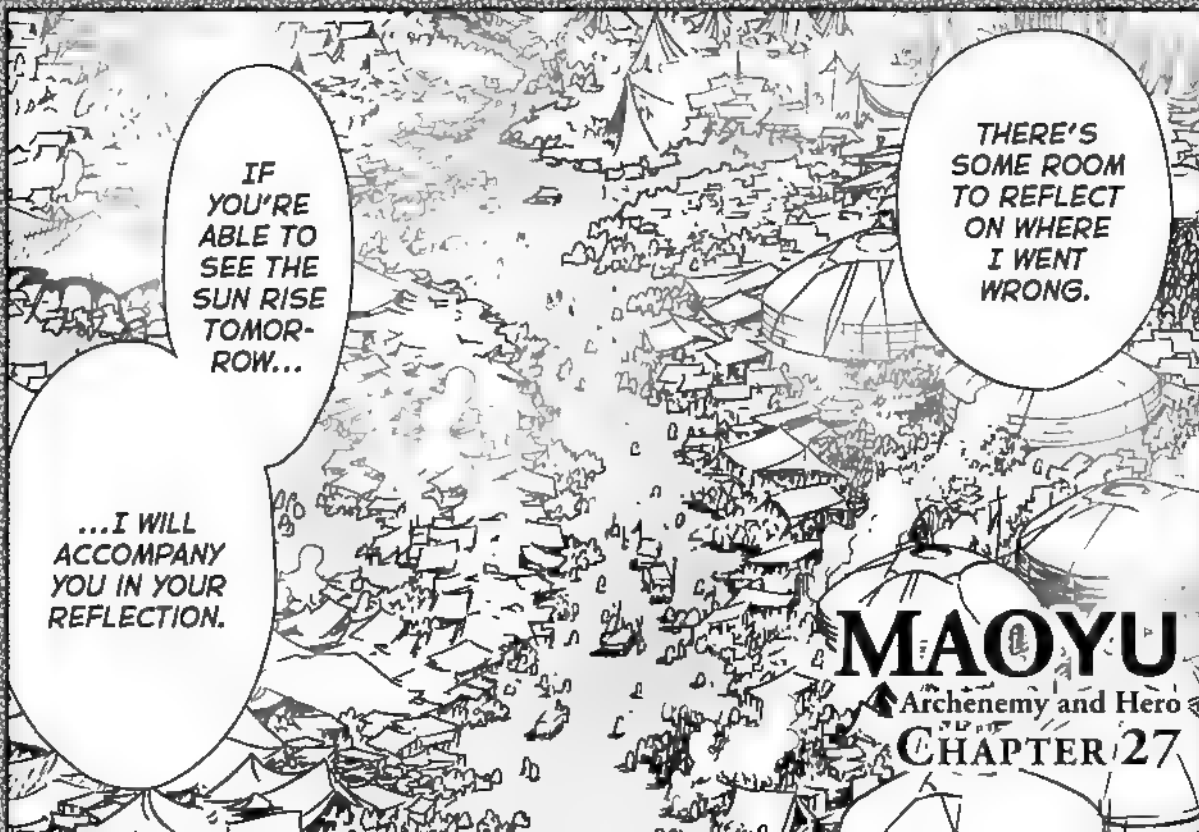
A
PROMISE
IS A
PROMISE.



....
VERY
WELL.

OR
WOULD YOU
RATHER
ABANDON
YOUR CON-
TRACT?

WILL YOU
GO BACK
ON YOUR
WORD?



IF
YOU'RE
ABLE TO
SEE THE
SUN RISE
TOMOR-
ROW...

...I WILL
ACCOMPANY
YOU IN YOUR
REFLECTION.

THERE'S
SOME ROOM
TO REFLECT
ON WHERE
I WENT
WRONG.

MAOYU

Archenemy and Hero

CHAPTER 27



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First Strike





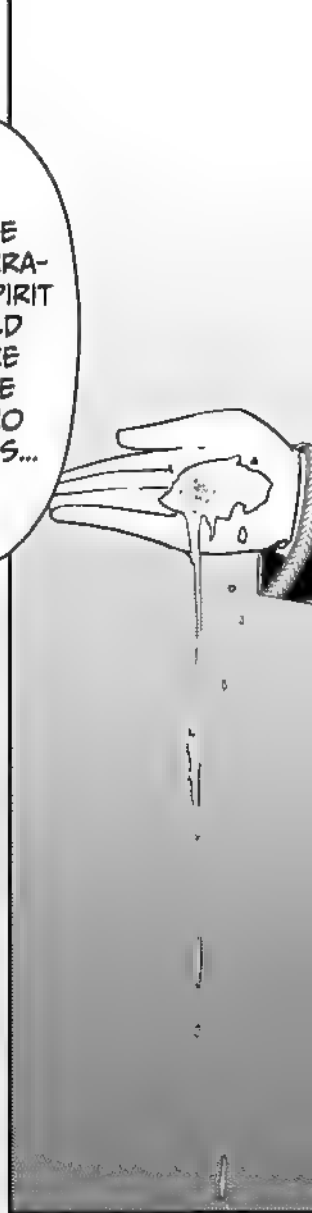
I AM A
MERCHANT
OF THE
HUMAN
WORLD.

ARCH-
DUKE FIRE
DRAGON,
CHIEF
OF THE
DRAGON
CLAN.

I HAVE
COME TO
DEFEAT
YOU.







...SALT IS A PRECIOUS COM-MODITY ...
...ISN'T IT?

IN THE SUBTERRA-NEAN SPIRIT WORLD WHERE THERE ARE NO OCEANS...



IF I DON'T RETURN TO THE SURFACE ALIVE...
...THE SALT WILL CEASE TO FLOW.

I CURRENTLY CONTROL 95 PERCENT...
...OF THE SALT FLOWING INTO GATEWAY CITY.







...AN AMOUNT
OF SALT PRO-
PORTIONAL
TO YOUR
INVESTMENT.

IN
RETURN,
EVERY
YEAR WE
WILL DE-
LIVER TO
YOU...

I WOULD
LIKE YOU TO
FINANCE THIS
PROJECT.

YOU MAY
ADDITIONALLY
PURCHASE AS
MUCH SALT AS
YOU'D LIKE



ALLOW
ME TO BE
FRANK.

WE ARE
PREPARED
TO "DIVIDE"
THIS ENTIRE
PROJECT.



CO-
OPERATION?



THAT'S
NOT WHAT
I'M TRYING
TO DO.

I'D LIKE
YOU TO
CONSIDER
THIS A TYPE
OF COOP-
ERATION.

YOU
WANT ME
TO THANK
YOU FOR
LETTING
ME BUY
YOUR SALT.

HOW
MUCH
DO YOU
INTEND TO
GOUGE
ME?



SHOULD
THIS PROJECT
PROSPER, THE
DRAGON CLAN
HANDLING THE
SUBTERRANEAN
WORLD'S SUPPLY
OF SALT...

...MAY
EXPERIENCE
EVEN GRATER
PROSPERITY
THROUGH
TRADE.

AS LONG
AS WE
MAINTAIN THIS
CONTRACT, MY
ALLIANCE...

...WILL
SUPPLY THE
DRAGON
CLAN WITH
SALT.

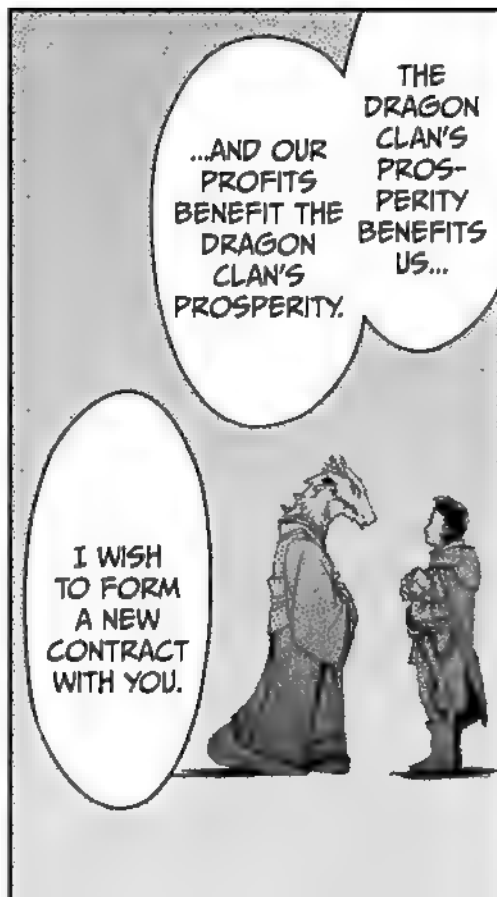


...WE WILL
MAKE AN
APPROPRIATE
LEVEL OF
PROFIT ON
COMMISSION...

...AND
MAKE A
STEADY
PROFIT.

SIMI-
LARLY
...

...SO LONG
AS THE
DEMON CLAN
REMAINS
ALIVE AND
WELL AND
MAINTAINS
THIS CON-
TRACT...



...AND OUR
PROFITS
BENEFIT THE
DRAGON
CLAN'S
PROSPERITY.

THE
DRAGON
CLAN'S
PROSPERITY
BENEFITS
US...

I WISH
TO FORM
A NEW
CONTRACT
WITH YOU.



SURELY
YOU
UNDER-
STAND.

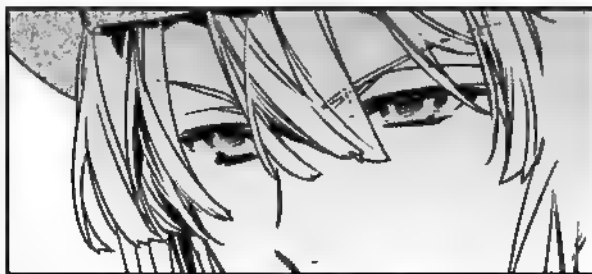
THIS IS A
SECURITY
TREATY
BROKERED
BY THE
TRADE OF
SALT.



WE BELIEVE
THE DRAGON
CLAN...

...IS THE MOST
APPROPRIATE
TRADING PARTNER
IN THE SUBTERRA-
NEAN WORLD.

WE WISH TO
ESTABLISH
A MARKET IN
THIS WORLD.



I CANNOT
ANSWER THAT
QUESTION.



DID THE
PRINCESS
ASK YOU
TO DO
THIS?







THEY'RE
THE TWO
BIGGEST
SUPPORTERS
OF WAR.

...BUT
THE BLUE
DEMON CLAN
AND FANGED
DEMON CLAN
ARE THE
BOTTLE-
NECK.

I DID
EXPECT
THIS...

THIS WOULD
BE SO MUCH
EASIER IF I
COULD WIN
OVER ONE OF
THE TWO.



WAR!
WAR!

THE
FANGED
DEMONS
DON'T EVEN
TRY TO
LISTEN.



THAT'S
QUITE
THE JOKE,
DEMON
QUEEN.

PEACE WITH
HUMANS?

THE BLUE
DEMONS
MAY SEEM
RESPECT-
FUL ON THE
SURFACE...

...BUT I
DON'T THINK
I'M GETTING
THROUGH TO
THEM AT ALL.





THE
BLACK
KNIGHT
!

ROAR

CHEER



YARRAARGH!

ARGH!

BOOM



HE
THREW HIS
MASSIVE
FRAME
ASIDE SO
EASILY!

HE'S
INCRED-
IBLY
STRONG!

CHATTER



THE
BLACK
KNIGHT
!



YA
AA
RGH!
H!

ARGH!

BOOM!



HE
THREW HIS
MASSIVE
FRAME
ASIDE SO
EASILY!

MURMUR

MURMUR

OOH

HE'S
INCRED-
IBLY
STRONG!

CHATTER



CHEER

ROAR



...
VERY WELL.

ROAR



DUKE
SILVER
TIGER.

ROAR

I WILL
MAKE YOU
PAY FOR
INSULTING
THE DEMON
QUEEN...

...BY
DEFEAT-
ING 10
OF YOUR
MEN.

FWOOSH



I WILL
STOP
HIM!

DUKE
SILVER
TIGER!

STEP



THE BLACK
KNIGHT
IS TRULY
STRONG.

CHATTER

HE'S
ALREADY
BEATEN
SEVEN,
THOUGH.

CHATTER



CAN
YOU KEEP
TRACK
OF THEM,
BLACK
KNIGHT?

SLASH

MY
SWORDS
ARE THE
FASTEST
AMONG THE
FANGED
DEMONS!

SLASH

SLASH



CHEER

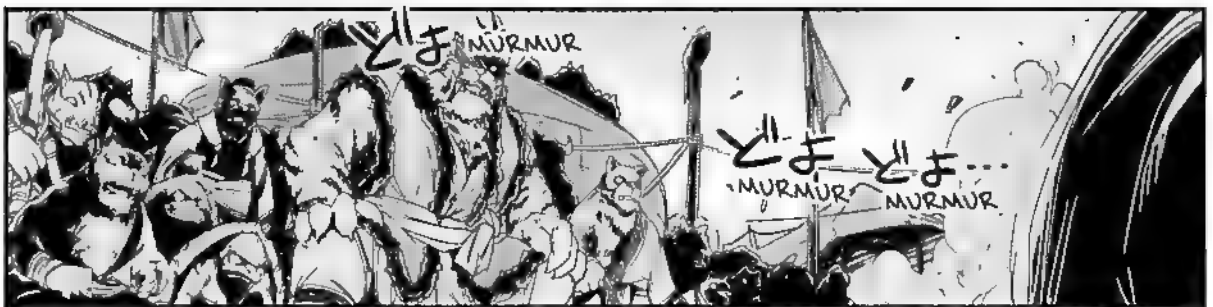
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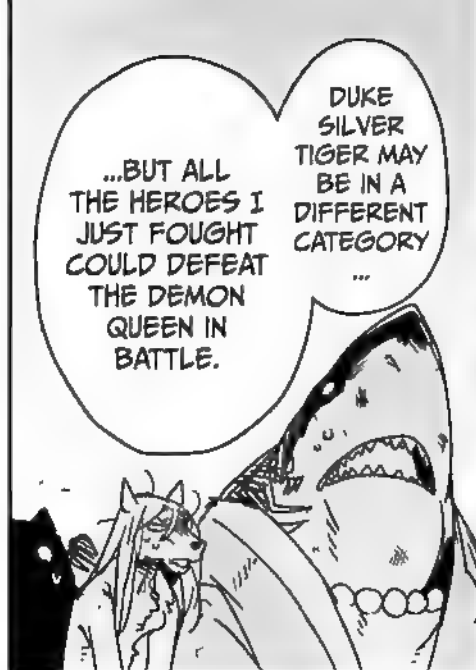












...BUT ALL
THE HEROES I
JUST FOUGHT
COULD DEFEAT
THE DEMON
QUEEN IN
BATTLE.

DUKE
SILVER
TIGER MAY
BE IN A
DIFFERENT
CATEGORY
...



BUT
SHE'S
THE
DEMON
QUEEN!

IM-
POS-
SIBLE!

W H A T ?



THE
DEMON
QUEEN
IS
WEAK!



...CAN YOU
DEFEAT AN
ARMY OF
10,000 MEN
ON YOUR
OWN?

OF
COURSE
NOT.

DUKE
SILVER
TIGER,
YOU ARE
PEERLESS
ON THE
BATTLEFIELD.

HOW-
EVER...



HOW-
EVER...

...WHAT
IS TRUE
STRENGTH
?



AS THE
LEADER OF
A CLAN, YOU
ACCOMPLISH
THINGS YOU DO
NOT HAVE THE
STRENGTH TO
ACCOMPLISH
ALONE.

THAT
IS THE
STRENGTH
OF A
LEADER.

WHEN YOU
DO ENGAGE
THEM, YOU
LEAD YOUR
OWN ARMIES
INTO BATTLE.



AS A
COMMANDER
OF ARMIES, THE
DEMON QUEEN'S
STRENGTH IS
UNPARALLELED.

IT SHOULD BE
OBVIOUS THE
LATTER IS MORE
DEPENDABLE
IN THE SPIRIT
WORLD.

...THAN
A WEAK
DEMON
MONARCH
WHO
LEADS HER
ARMIES TO
VICTORY.

A POWER-
FUL DEMON
MONARCH
WHO CAN-
NOT LEAD
AN ARMY IS
WEAKER...

THERE
ARE MANY
POWERFUL
CLANS IN
THE SPIRIT
WORLD
INCLUDING
THE FANGED
DEMON
CLAN.

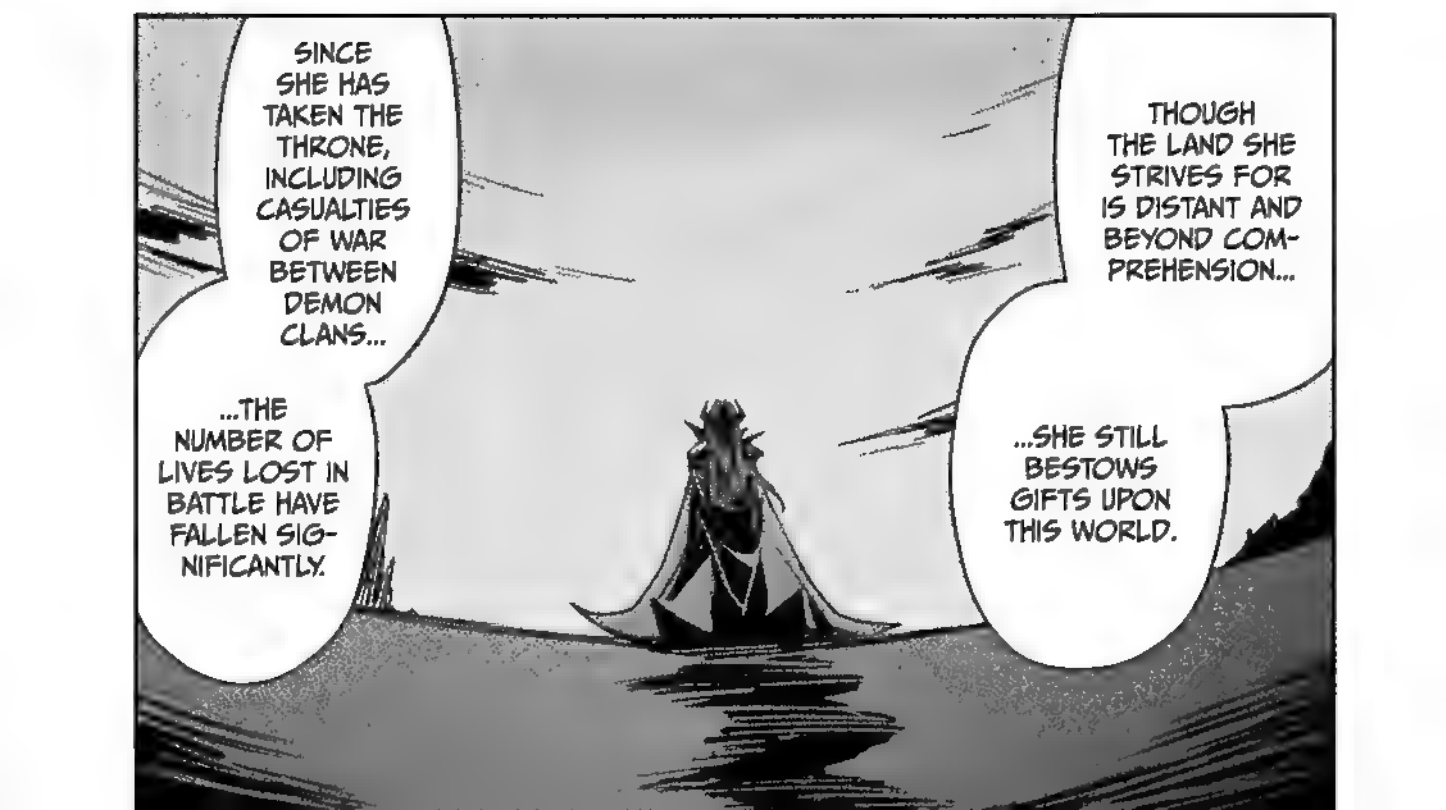


...SHE
HAS THE
WISDOM TO
FULFILL HER
DESIRES.

WITHOUT
CROSSING
SWORDS
OR HURTING
ANYONE...

SHE
CAN WIN
WITHOUT
FIGHTING.

FURTHER-
MORE, THE
DEMON
QUEEN...
...POSSESS-
ES EVEN
GREATER
STRENGTH.



SINCE
SHE HAS
TAKEN THE
THRONE,
INCLUDING
CASUALTIES
OF WAR
BETWEEN
DEMON
CLANS...

...THE
NUMBER OF
LIVES LOST IN
BATTLE HAVE
FALLEN SIG-
NIFICANTLY.

THOUGH
THE LAND SHE
STRIVES FOR
IS DISTANT AND
BEYOND COM-
PREHENSION...

...SHE STILL
BESTOWS
GIFTS UPON
THIS WORLD.



...WILL NOT
DIMINISH
YOUR OWN
STRENGTH.

ACKNOWLEDG-
ING THE
STRENGTH
OF THE
DEMON
QUEEN...



WHAT
DO YOU
THINK?



VERY
WELL.

DUKE SILVER
TIGER, WE WILL
NEED YOUR
INCREDIBLE
STRENGTH ON
THE BATTLE-
FIELD.



ON THE
BATTLE-
FIELD,
WE NEED
STRONG
FIGHTERS.

THE
DEMON
QUEEN IS
WEAK.



THE FANGED
DEMONS
CANNOT
DISDAIN THE
DEMON QUEEN
WHEN SHE
HAS YOUR
STRENGTH.

BLACK
KNIGHT, YOU
ARE THE
SWORD OF
THE DEMON
QUEEN.



I APO-
LOGIZE
TO THE
DEMON
QUEEN.

HER
STRENGTH
IS WORTHY
OF HER
TITLE.

...I STILL
BELIEVE
A DEMON
MONARCH
MUST BE
STRONG.

HOWEVER...

DUKE
SILVER
TIGER.

HER TRUE
STRENGTH
WILL REMAIN
UNKNOWN
UNTIL SHE
ACHIEVES
SUCCESS ON
THE BATTLE-
FIELD.

I CANNOT
PLACE MY
TRUST IN
SOME-
THING I
DON'T
KNOW.

HOW-
EVER...

...THE DEMON
QUEEN HAS
NEVER COM-
MANDED AN
ARMY ON THE
BATTLEFIELD.

YOU
DEFEATED MY
COMMANDERS.
I RESPECT
YOU, BLACK
KNIGHT.

I WILL AC-
KNOWLEDGE
THE TRUTH
OF YOUR
COMMENTS
REGARDING
LEADING
A WAR.



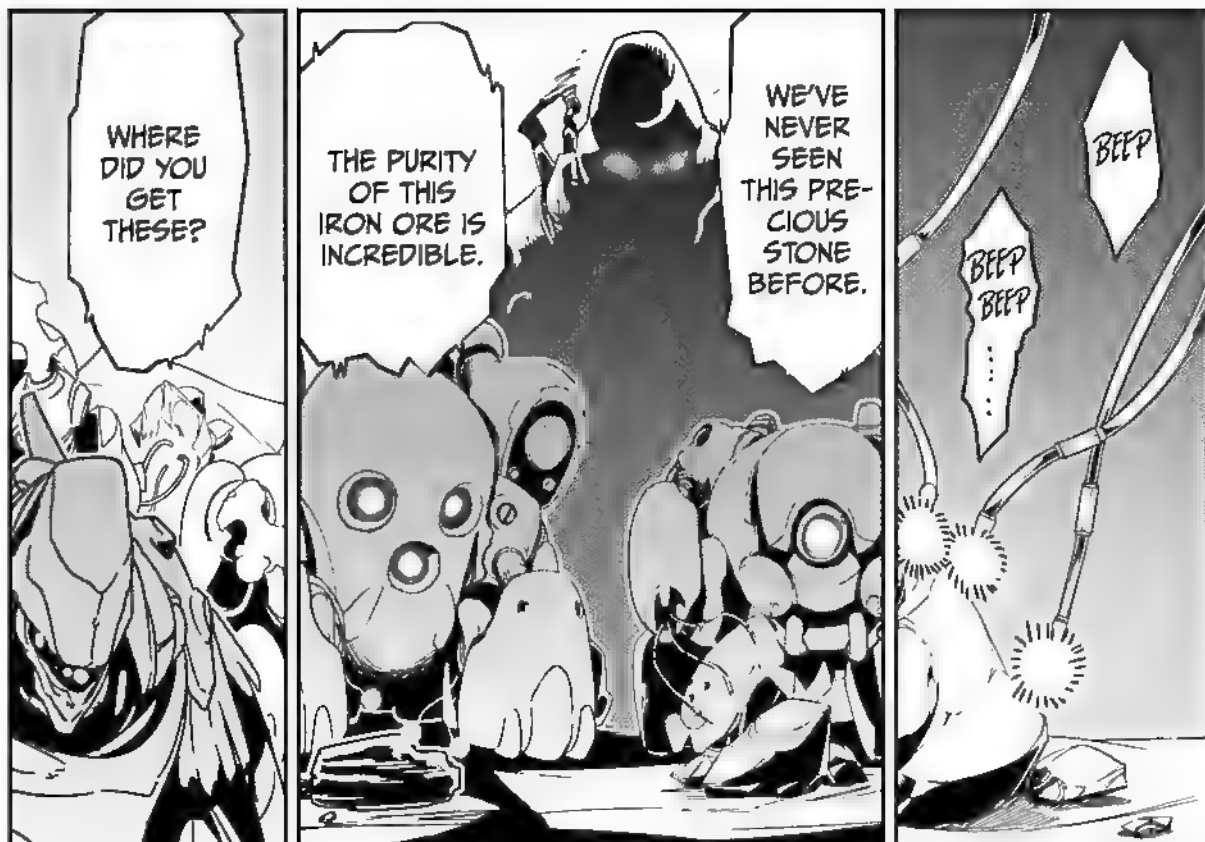
...THAT
SHOULD
BE GOOD
ENOUGH
FOR NOW.

WELL
...

BUT WE
WANT...

...TO PUT
AN END
TO THOSE
BATTLES.

HMPH!



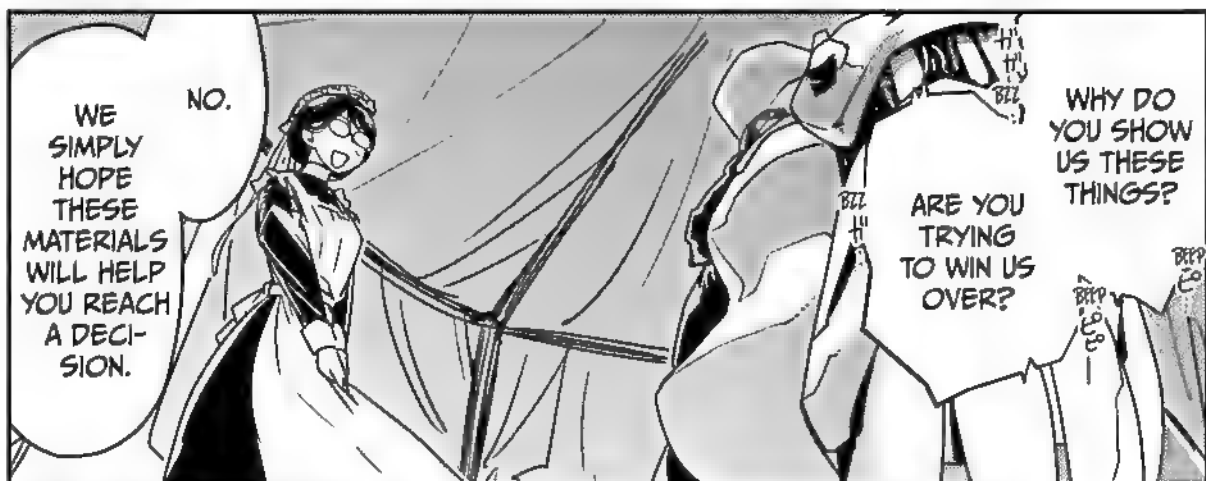
WHERE
DID YOU
GET
THESE?

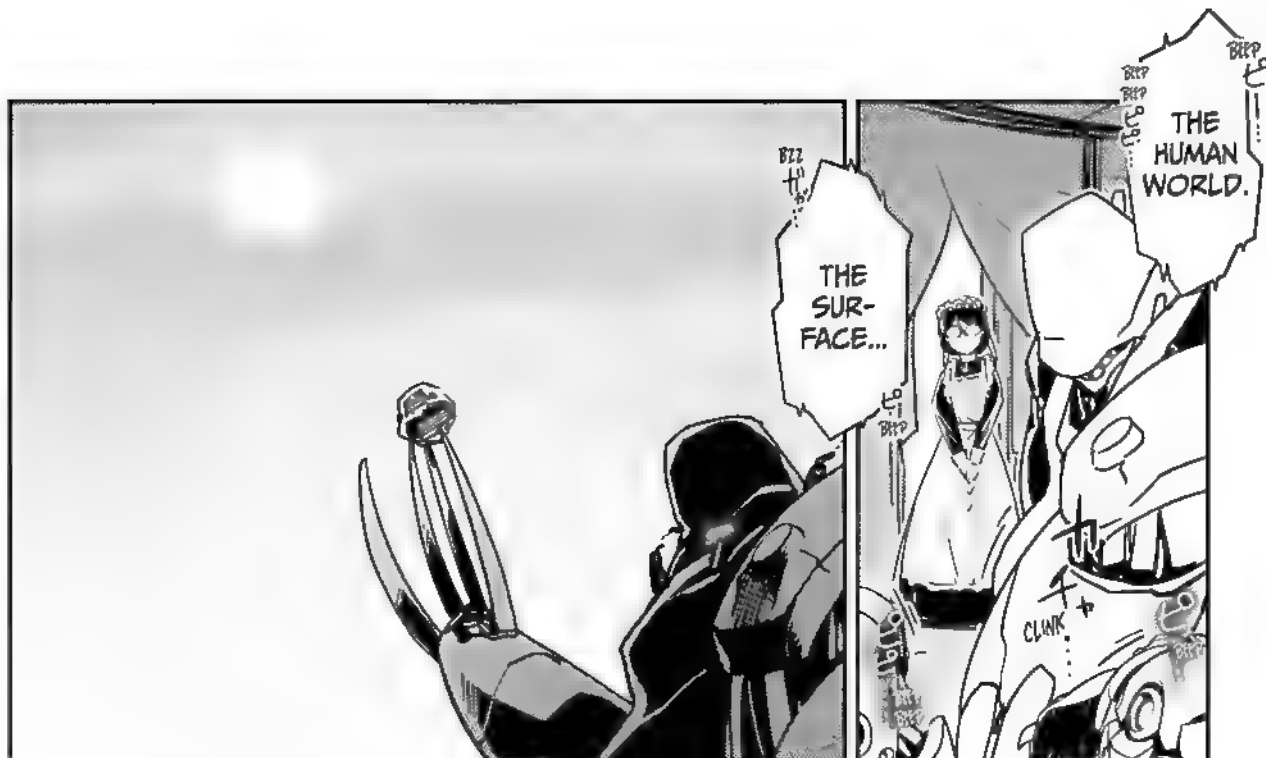
THE PURITY
OF THIS
IRON ORE IS
INCREDIBLE.

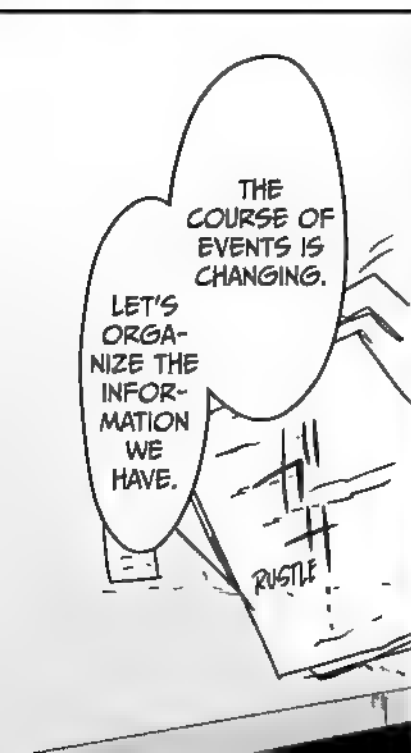
WE'VE
NEVER
SEEN
THIS PRE-
CIOUS
STONE
BEFORE.

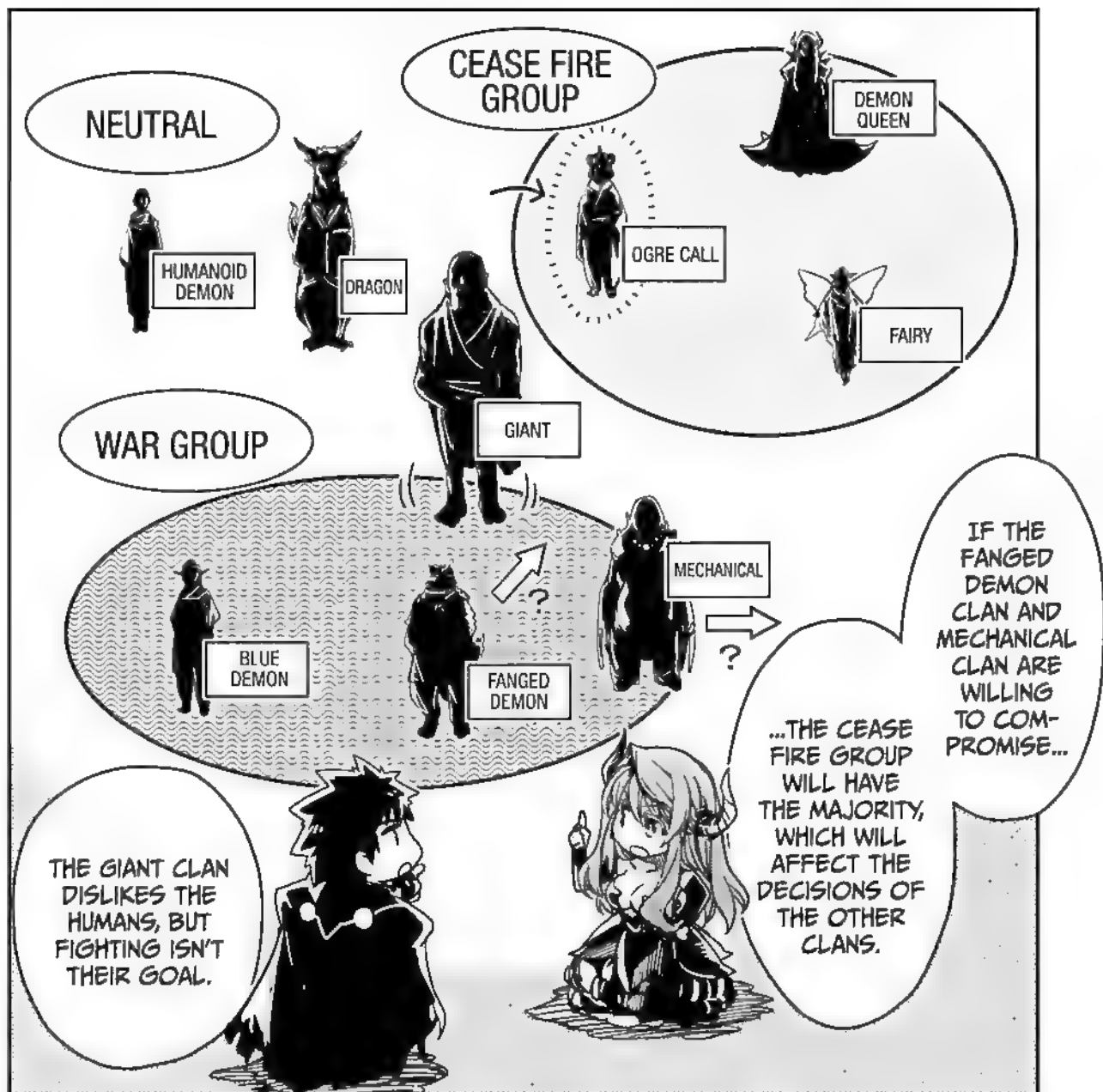
BEEP

BEEP
BEEP











IF THINGS
GO WELL, THE
PRESSURE OF THE
GROUP'S OPINIONS
MAY ALLOW US
TO PUSH FOR A
CEASEFIRE.

NOW
THAT WE
KNOW WE
CAN DEPEND
ON THE OGRE
CALL CLAN...

...WE
SHOULD
INVESTIGATE
THE REAC-
TIONS OF
THE OTHER
CLANS.



YES.

SHALL I
GATHER THE
MAJOR CLANS
FOR A MEET-
ING TOMOR-
ROW?

I
SEE.

IF ONLY THE
BLUE DEMON
CLAN IS IN
FAVOR OF
WAR...

...THEY
WON'T BE
ABLE TO
RIGIDLY
PUSH FOR
WAR.



IT'S TIME
FOR OUR
FIRST
STRIKE.





NOW,
THEN.

WE HAVE
DEBATED
THE TOPIC
EXTEN-
SIVELY.

GREAT
DEMON
CLANS
HOLDING
UP OUR
SPIRIT
WORLD.

...TO OFFER
THEIR OPINIONS
ON THE FUTURE
OF OUR
RELATIONSHIP
WITH THE HUMAN
WORLD.

IT IS
TIME FOR
EACH
OF THE
CLANS...



YES!
THE
HUMANS
ARE NO
MATCH
FOR US!

THAT'S
OBVIOUS!
WE
SHOULD
INVADE
THEM!



GREAT
DEMON
CLANS
HOLDING
UP OUR
SPIRIT
WORLD.

WE HAVE
DEBATED
THE TOPIC
EXTEN-
SIVELY.

NOW,
THEN.

...TO OFFER
THEIR OPINIONS
ON THE FUTURE
OF OUR
RELATIONSHIP
WITH THE HUMAN
WORLD.

IT IS
TIME FOR
EACH
OF THE
CLANS...



WE
SHOULD
INVADE
THEM!

THAT'S
OBVIOUS!





HOW-
EVER...

...THEY
DID NOT
WIN.



...AND
INVADED
OUR
TERRITORY
WITH FIRES
BLAZING!

BANG

...THEY
ARE THE
ONES WHO
SNEAKED
INTO OUR
GREEN
LANDS LIKE
BANDITS...

BESIDES
...



WE ARE
INTERESTED
IN THE
MINERAL
RESOURCES
OF THE
SURFACE
WORLD.

WE SHOULD
FIGHT AND
TAKE THEM
FROM THE
HUMANS.



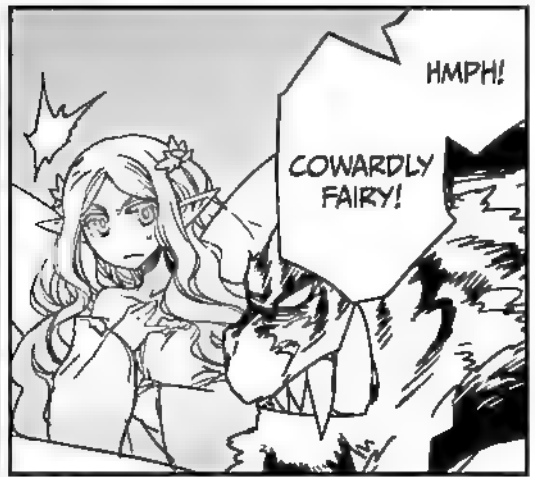
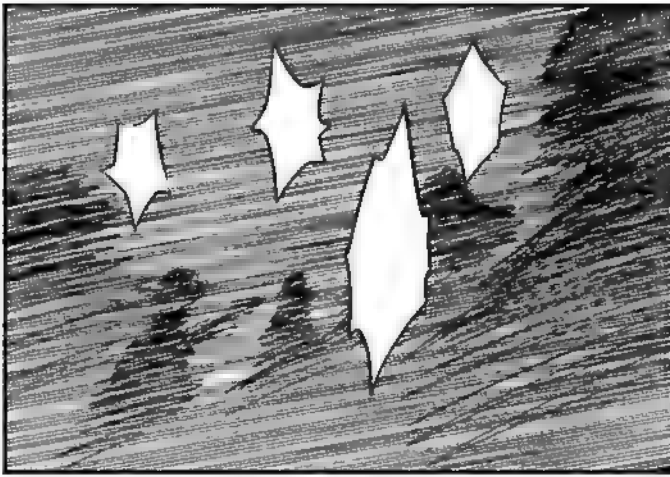
...WILL
ONLY...

...BRING
MORE...

...
HARM.

DEAL-
ING...

...WITH
HUMANS
...



HOW-
EVER...

...TO END
HOSTILITIES
AND BEGIN
COEXISTING
WITH THE
HUMAN WORLD
IMMEDIATELY.

I DO
NOT
PLAN...



...AND
CONTINUE
KEEPING
A CLOSE
WATCH OVER
WHO COMES
AND GOES.

FOR THE
TIME BEING, WE
SHOULD STATION
A DEFENSE
FORCE AT THE
HOLE LEFT
BEHIND BY THE
DESTROYED
GATE...



IS AURORA
ISLAND NOT
PROOF OF
THAT?

...EVEN IF
WE DO WIN A
WAR, IT WILL
BE DIFFICULT
TO MAINTAIN
CONTROL
OVER HUMAN
LANDS.

IF YOU
COMPARE
THE CURRENT
MILITARY
STRENGTH AND
POPULATIONS
OF THE SUB-
TERRANEAN
AND SURFACE
WORLDS...



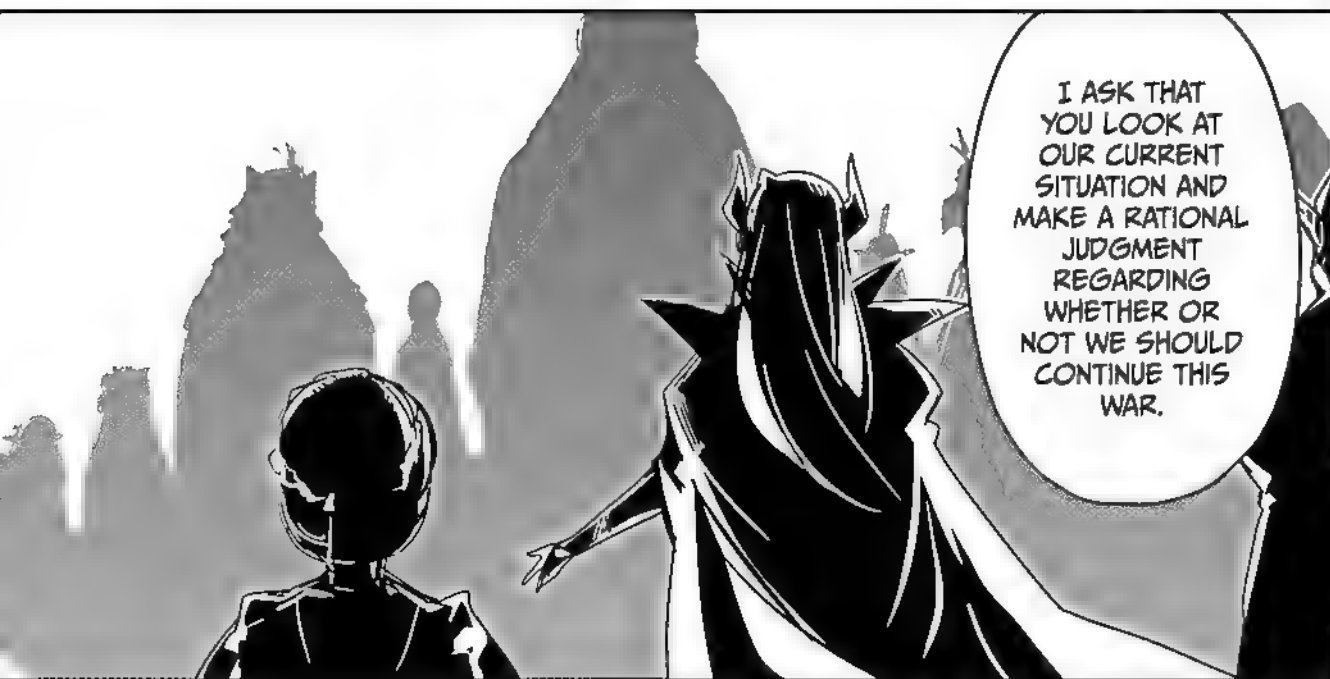


THOUGH
WE DID
TAKE BACK
GATEWAY
CITY, THEY
ATTACKED
US.

I DON'T
INTEND
TO MAKE
FRIENDS
WITH THE
HUMANS.

IF TRADING
WITH THEM
PROVES TO BE
BENEFICIAL
FOR THE
SUBTERRANEAN
WORLD...

...WE CAN
CONTINUE
TRADING
WITH RE-
STRICTIONS.



I ASK THAT
YOU LOOK AT
OUR CURRENT
SITUATION AND
MAKE A RATIONAL
JUDGMENT
REGARDING
WHETHER OR
NOT WE SHOULD
CONTINUE THIS
WAR.



THAT'S
OUR
DEMON
QUEEN.

WELL
SAID.

IT WON'T
ROUSE
ANY
NEGATIVE
FEEL-
INGS.



WE
SHOULD
DESTROY
THE
HUMANS!

THEY
SHOULD
PAY FOR
THEIR
CRIMES AS
THEY BURN!

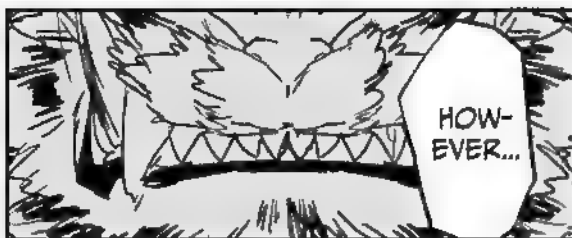


THE
HUMANOID
DEMON CLAN
NEVER HAD ANY
INTENTION OF
CHANGING ITS
STANCE.

WE STAND
IN MIDDLE.
WE FAVOR
NEITHER
SIDE.



?!



HOW-
EVER...



...IF YOU
INSISTED
WE NEED A
TEMPORARY
CEASE-
FIRE...

...I
WOULD BE
WILLING TO
LISTEN...

...TO GIVE
US TIME TO
PREPARE.



IF WE ACQUIRE
THE HUNTING
GROUNDS OF
THE HUMANS...

...WE
CAN EASILY
RECOVER
THE EX-
PENSES OF
AN EXPEDITION.



...BECAUSE
WE DECIDED
THIS WAR
WOULD RESULT
IN GREATER
LOSSES FOR
OUR SIDE.

WE
REACHED
THIS
DECISION...

WE
DESIRE A
CEASE-
FIRE.

THE
OGRE
CALL
CLAN IS
OPPOSED
TO WAR.



...TO
NEGOTI-
ATE WITH
HUMANS.

WE
SHOULD
SEND
ENVOYS...

WE HAVE
NEVER
DESIRED
WAR
BEFORE.

THE
FAIRY CLAN
SUPPORTS
A CEASE-
FIRE.



...A
CEASE-
FIRE.

...CON-
SENT
TO...

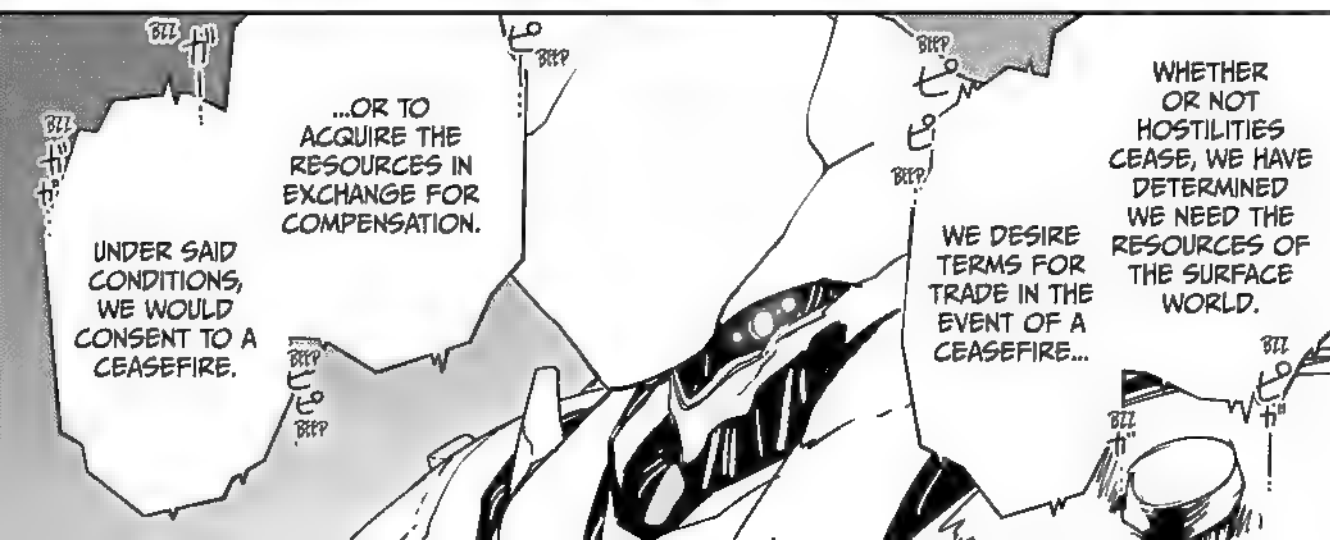
...WE
...

...FIGHT
...

...WE
DON'T...

...HAVE
TO...

IF IT
MEANS
...



UNDER SAID
CONDITIONS,
WE WOULD
CONSENT TO A
CEASEFIRE.

...OR TO
ACQUIRE THE
RESOURCES IN
EXCHANGE FOR
COMPENSATION.

WE DESIRE
TERMS FOR
TRADE IN THE
EVENT OF A
CEASEFIRE...

WHETHER
OR NOT
HOSTILITIES
CEASE, WE HAVE
DETERMINED
WE NEED THE
RESOURCES OF
THE SURFACE
WORLD.





THINGS
ARE
GOING
BETTER
THAN WE
EXPECT-
ED.

THE
FANGED
DEMON
CLAN'S
WILLING-
NESS TO
BEND IS
HUGE
FOR US.

YES.



HOW CAN
DEMONS
YIELD TO
HUMANS?

YOU!

WHERE
IS YOUR
PRIDE?



SUCH
SPINE-
LESS
COW-
ARDS!

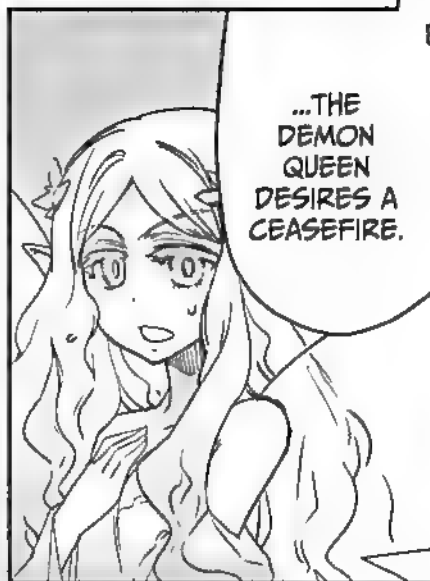


THAT'S
...
...RIGHT.



SHE MAY
BE IMPU-
DENT, BUT
SHE IS
STILL THE
DEMON
QUEEN.

HAHA!



BUT...
...THE
DEMON
QUEEN
DESIRES A
CEASEFIRE.



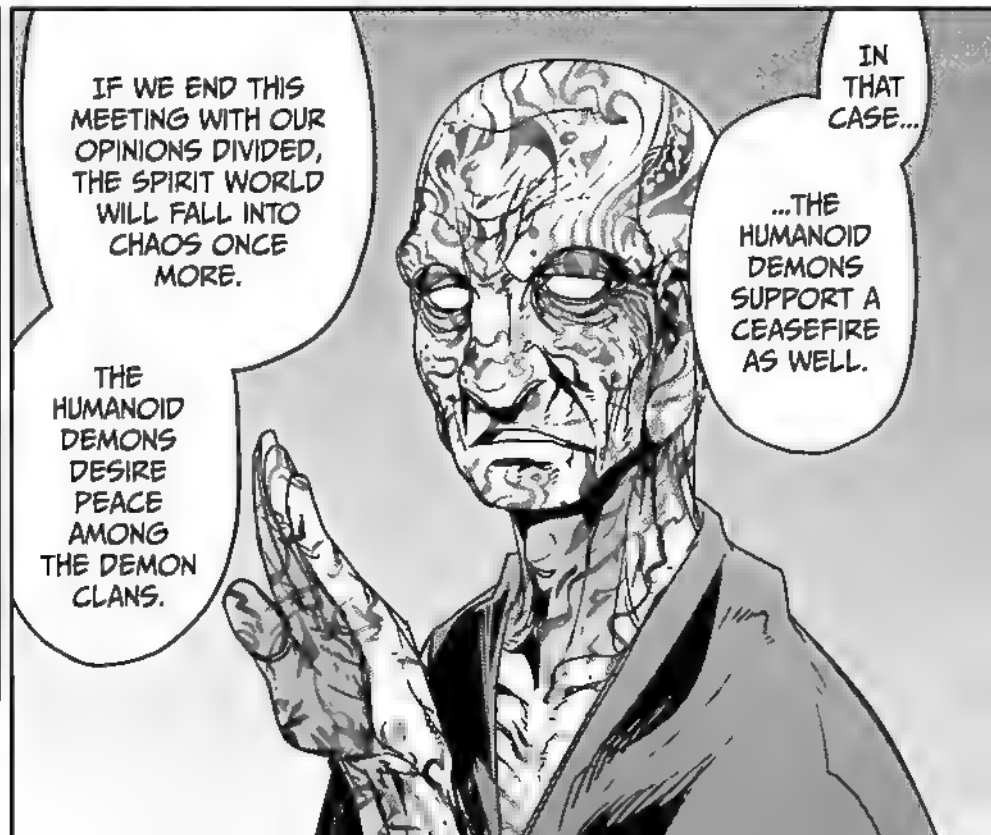
YOU
DEFEAT-
ISTS!



THE
DEMON
QUEEN'S
WORDS
CARRY
GREAT
WEIGHT.
WE MUST
CONSIDER
THEM.



CLENCH



IF WE END THIS
MEETING WITH OUR
OPINIONS DIVIDED,
THE SPIRIT WORLD
WILL FALL INTO
CHAOS ONCE
MORE.

THE
HUMANOID
DEMONS
DESIRE
PEACE
AMONG
THE DEMON
CLANS.

IN
THAT
CASE...

...THE
HUMANOID
DEMONS
SUPPORT A
CEASEFIRE
AS WELL.



LET
ME ASK
YOU THIS,
THEN!

DO THE
DEMON
QUEEN'S
WORDS
CARRY
SO MUCH
WEIGHT?

DO...



WHAT DO
YOU THINK,
BLUE
DEMON
KING?

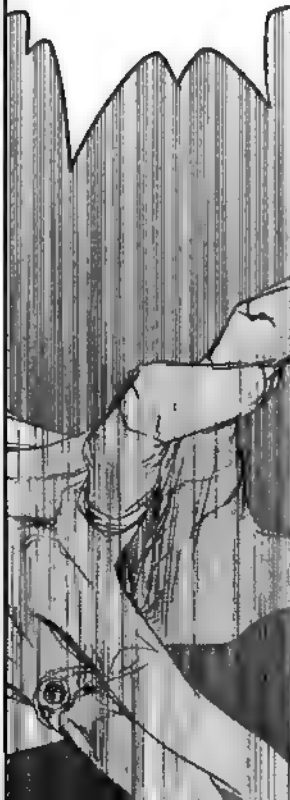
ARE YOU
WILLING
TO BEND?



?!



...BUT
WHAT
IF THE
DEMON
KING
HIMSELF
DESIRES
WAR?



THE 43RD
DEMON QUEEN
OF RUBY EYES
MAY DESIRE A
CEASEFIRE...



HE IS THE
HERO THE
FANGED
DEMONS
DESIRE!



IF IT
IS THE
DEMON
KING'S
WILL.



WE
WOULD...
...HAVE
NO
CHOICE.



WE SHOULD
SURROUND OUR-
SELVES IN THE
BLOOD OF OUR
ENEMIES AND
GLORY.

SUCH
COWARDLY
ACTIONS
DO NOT
BECOME
THE DEMON
CLANS.

THAT'S
RIGHT.



THAT
IS THE
RESPONSI-
BILITY OF
THE DEMON
QUEEN.

A
COMPETENT
DEMON
MONARCH
CAN WIN
WITH MINIMAL
DAMAGE TO
THE DEMON
CLANS.

THE
CHOICE
WILL
DESTROY
BOTH OUR
ENEMIES
AND OUR-
SELVES.

...WAR
IS A
DOUBLE-
EDGED
SWORD.

BUT...



NO.

I RESPECT
YOUR WILL,
DEMON
QUEEN.

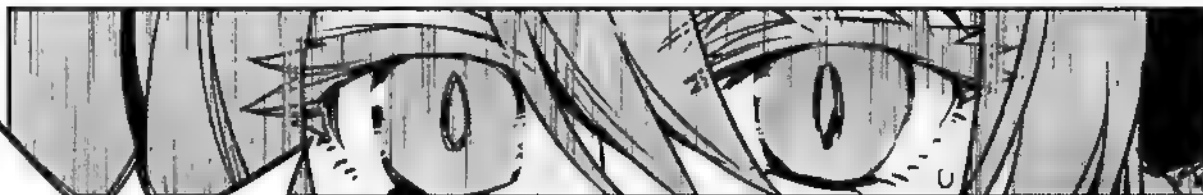


WHAT ARE
YOU TRYING
TO SAY, BLUE
DEMON KING?

ARE YOU
TRYING TO
CHANGE
MY MIND?

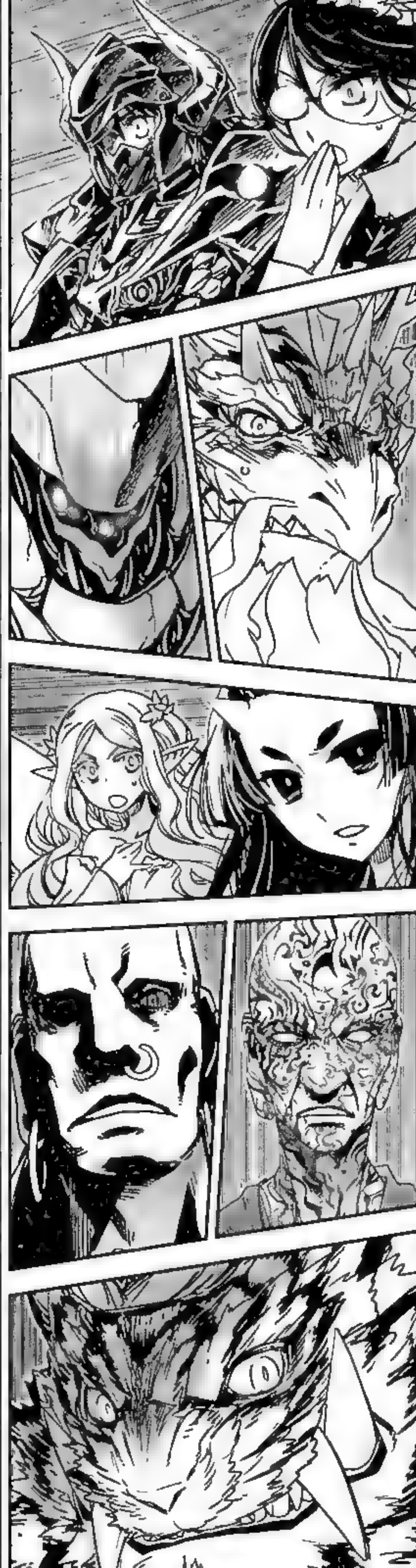
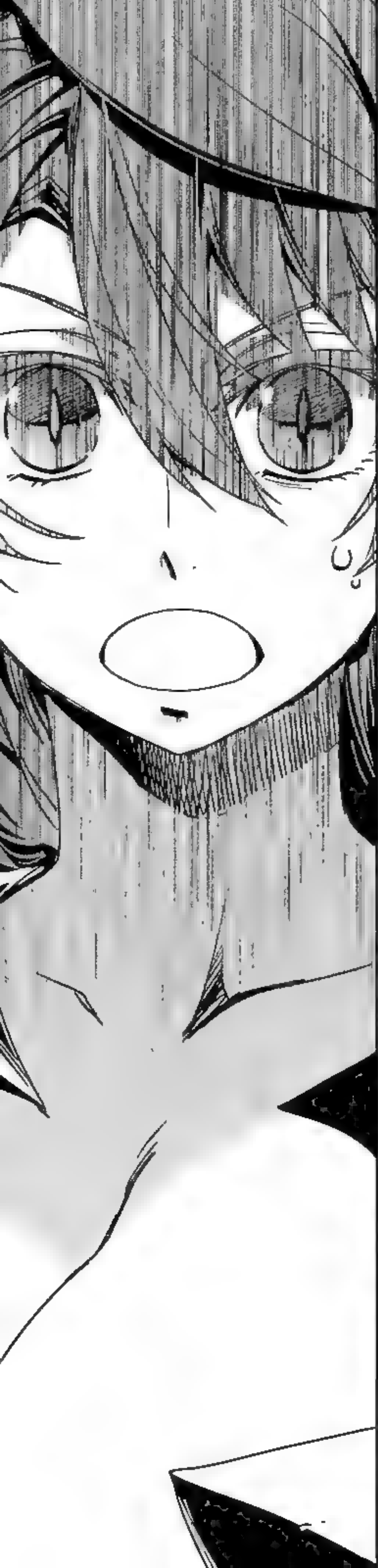


THAT IS, IF
YOU TRULY
ARE THE
DEMON
MONARCH.



IN THE
NAME OF
THE BLUE
DEMON
KING, I
ISSUE THE
FOLLOWING
PROCLA-
MATION!





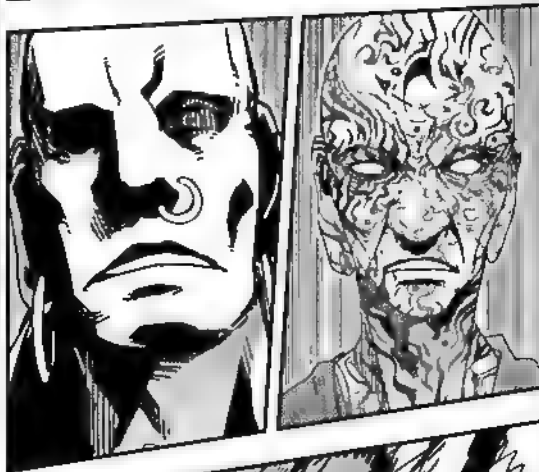
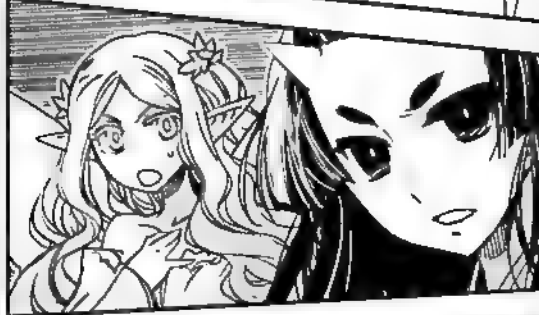
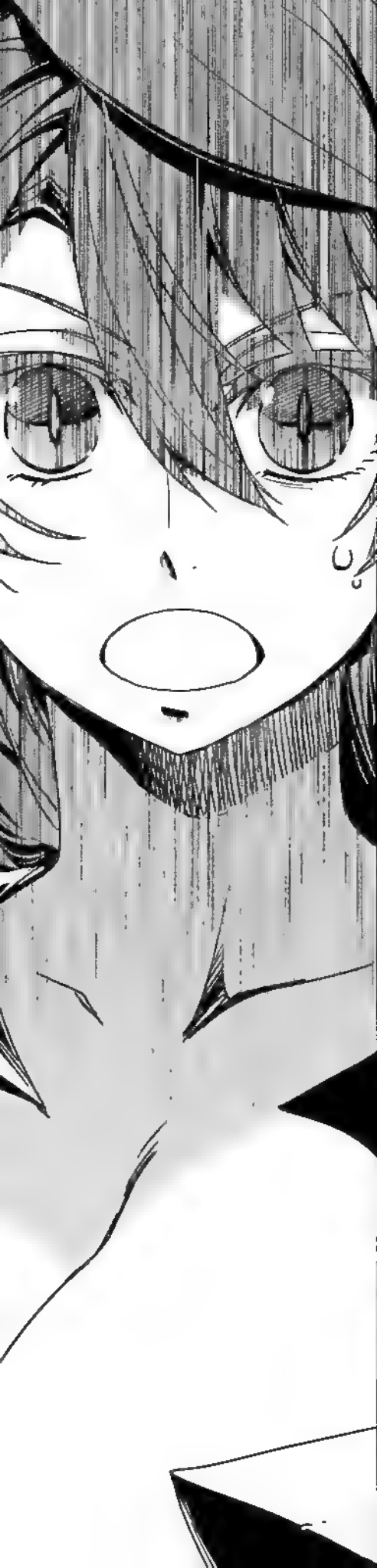
...REQUESTS
THE DE-
THRONE-
MENT OF
THE 43RD
DEMON
QUEEN OF
RUBY EYES!

THE
BLUE
DEMON
CLAN...

...REQUESTS
THE DE-
THRONE-
MENT OF
THE 43RD
DEMON
QUEEN OF
RUBY EYES!

THE
BLUE
DEMON
CLAN...







ALLOW
US TO RE-
LEASE YOU
FROM THIS
GREAT ROLE
FOR WHICH
YOU ARE
UNFIT...

WE DO
NOT NEED A
WEAK LEADER
DURING THESE
TIMES OF
UPHEAVAL.

WE NEED
A POWERFUL
MONARCH
WHO CAN
BOLDLY
LEAD US.



...
DEMON
QUEEN.

GRIN



IMPEACHMENT OF LEADERS

It is difficult to punish powerful leaders. The political mechanism of “impeachment” makes it possible.

THE DIFFICULT ACT OF IMPEACHING A POWERFUL LEADER

Since ancient times humans have lived in groups, and they have always needed a leader. As we explained in the second period of this column, though landowners who ruled over territories were separated from food production, they were responsible for defending the group and resolving conflicts.

When you consider landowners served as both executive and judicial officials as well as defensive commanders, it is easy to understand why they were rulers considering the level of responsibility they carried. Monarchs who ruled over nations were fundamentally similar to landowners.



The Blue Demon King insists on continuing the war. His trump card is impeaching the Demon King and dethroning her.

Problems arose when rulers used their power for leading the people for personal gain. Because landowners and monarchs were hereditary positions, the people had no peaceful system for exchanging one ruler for another. During the Middle Ages when kings and emperors ruled nations, they locked down social positions to strengthen themselves, and the people could barely afford to feed themselves. The common people weren't able to question royal authority until scientific civilization had advanced considerably and they had time to think even while working every day.

Enlightenment thought spread throughout Europe during the 17th to 18th Centuries. Among the non-ruling people a class of people of slightly more wealth than others, or the bourgeois, emerged, and ideas of personal freedom and property were born. As these ideas spread to the people, royal authority was limited in England and France, and monarchs were overthrown in the “Glorious Revolution” and “French Revolution.”

It is not as though rulers were never impeached until then. However, only other members of royalty and nobility of equal power could impeach a ruler, and struggles for power were common. The revolutions in England and France are historically held in high regard largely because they were led by the common people.



The demons' system for impeaching their most powerful ruler is as progressive as that of humans.

An example of impeachment in modern day Japan is the Judge Impeachment Court in which judges are impeached. This occurs when a judge violates or neglects his duties, loses his dignity, or otherwise behaves in a delinquent manner, and seven members each from the upper and lower houses of the National Diet act as judges.

UNEXPECTED





...REQUESTS
THE DE-
THRONE-
MENT OF
THE 43RD
DEMON
QUEEN OF
RUBY EYES!

BAM

THE
BLUE
DEMON
CLAN...

MAOYU

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WITH WHAT
AUTHORITY...

...DOES
A CLAN
LEADER
DEMAND HER
DETHRONE-
MENT?

DO YOU
THINK
WE WILL
ALLOW
THAT?



THE DE-
THRONE-
MENT
OF THE
QUEEN?

CAN
HE DO
THAT?

I'VE
NEVER
EVEN
CONSID-
ERED IF
THAT'S
POSSIBLE!

I
DON'T
KNOW!





A
LAW.

THERE IS
PROOF
THE MAJOR
DEMON CLANS
ARE NOT
REQUIRED
TO OBEY
THE COM-
MANDS OF
THE DEMON
MONARCH.



IT'S
INCREDIBLY
UNCOMMON,
BUT THERE IS
A PRECEDENT
FROM THE
RULE OF THE
EIGHTH
MONARCH.

IT IS
CLEARLY
STATED
IN LAW.



...PRECE-
DENCE IS
PRECE-
DENCE.

THOUGH THE
CHIEFS HAVE
EXERCISED
THIS RIGHT
ONLY ONCE...

WELL,
WELL.



...THE DEMON
MONARCH CAN
BE DETHRONED
WITH THE
APPROVAL
OF HALF
THE CHIEFS
ATTENDING...

AC-
CORD-
ING TO
LAW...

...THE
KURUL-
TAI."

IN
OTHER
WORDS,
FOUR
CHIEFS.



WITH
THE WAR
AGAINST
HUMANS,
DESTRUC-
TION OF THE
GATE...

...AND
OTHER
THREATS TO
THE SPIRIT
WORLD,
WE MUST
QUESTION THE
CAPACITY OF
THE MONARCH
WE SERVE.

DEMON
QUEEN,
DURING
YOUR REIGN,
YOU NEVER
EXPERIENCED
WAR.

ISN'T
THAT
COR-
RECT?



...SHOULD
BE...

THE
MON-
ARCH
...

...BIG.



IF IT IS
WITHIN
REASON,
IT IS AN
OPTION.



A
MONARCH
MUST BE
STRONG!



SUPPOSE
WE DE-
THRONE
THE
CURRENT
QUEEN.

WHO WILL
BECOME
THE NEW
KING?



CREAK



WE WILL HOLD
A TOURNAMENT
TO DETERMINE
THE NEXT KING.

THE SEAL
WILL APPEAR
ON SEVERAL
DEMONS
WHO WILL
BECOME
CANDIDATES
FOR THE
THRONE.



JUST AS
WHEN A
DEMON
MONARCH
DIES...

...THE
STARS WILL
CHOOSE
THE NEXT
KING.



GLORY
TO...

...THE
GIANT
...

...CLAN.

DON'T
FORGET
ABOUT
THE BLUE
DEMONS.

THE FANGED
DEMONS WILL
PRODUCE A
KING THIS
TIME!



THE
DEATH OF
THE DEMON
QUEEN WAS
FORETOLD.

IS THIS
WHAT IT
MEANT?





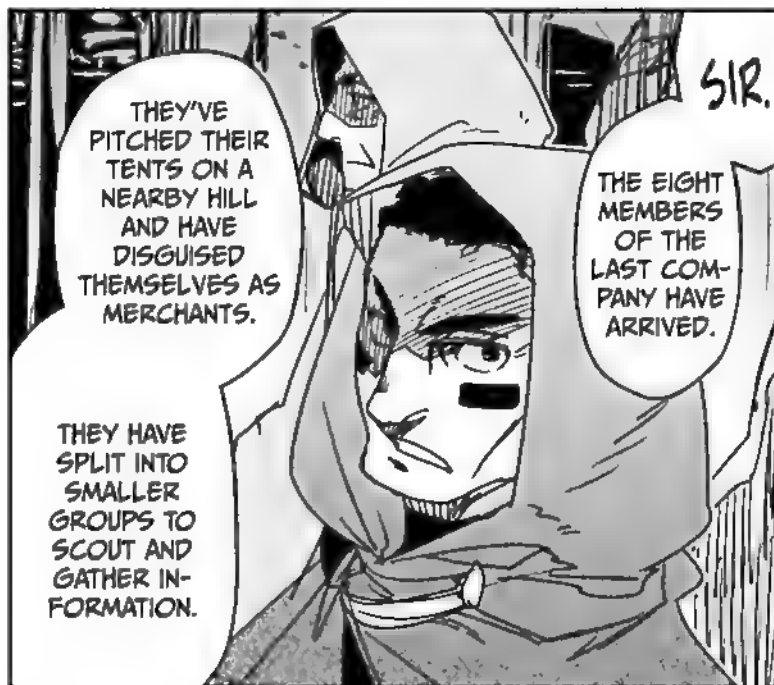


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Law







THEY'VE
PITCHED THEIR
TENTS ON A
NEARBY HILL
AND HAVE
DISGUISED
THEMSELVES AS
MERCHANTS.

THEY HAVE
SPLIT INTO
SMALLER
GROUPS TO
SCOUT AND
GATHER IN-
FORMATION.

SIR.

THE EIGHT
MEMBERS
OF THE
LAST COM-
PANY HAVE
ARRIVED.



HOW ARE
THINGS
LOOKING?



MAKE
SURE
NO ONE
DISCOVERS
YOU'RE
HUMANS.

NO
PROBLEMS
SO FAR.



THERE IS
SOME MILD
MILITARY
TENSION.

BY OUR
ESTIMATES,
THERE ARE AT
LEAST 6,000
DEMONS
HERE IN THIS
TENT CITY.

GUARDS ARE
STATIONED IN
THE VALLEYS
AROUND THE
AREA.

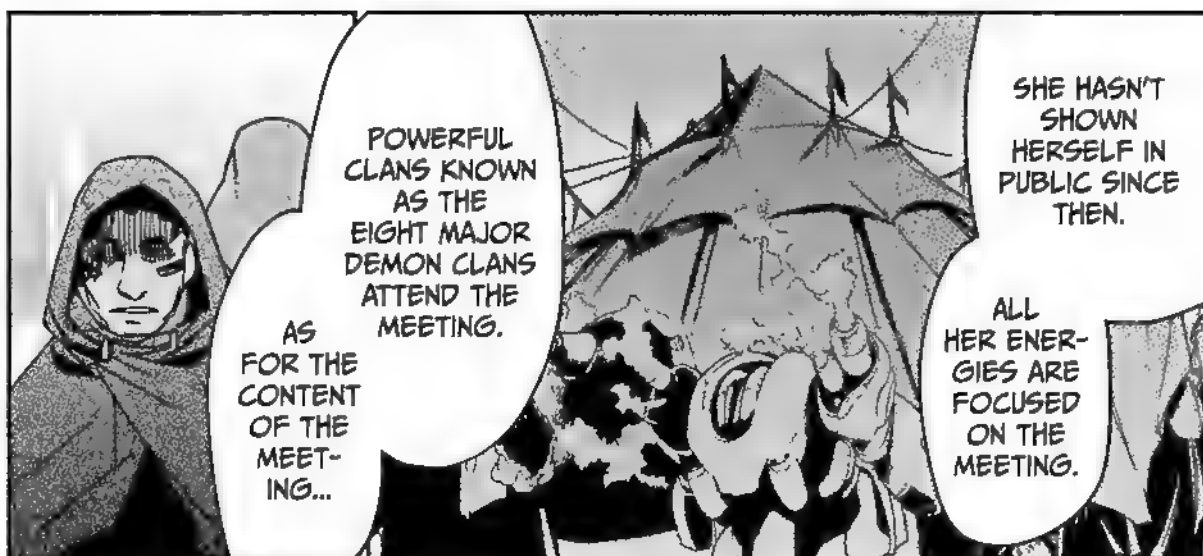


SURPRISINGLY, THE
CURRENT
DEMON
MON-
ARCH IS A
WOMAN.

SHE IS A
QUEEN.

THE TENT
NEXT TO THE
CENTRAL TENT
BELONGS TO
THE DEMON
MONARCH.

THE
MONARCH
MADE A
SPEECH ON
THE FIRST
DAY.



POWERFUL
CLANS KNOWN
AS THE
EIGHT MAJOR
DEMON CLANS
ATTEND THE
MEETING.

AS
FOR THE
CONTENT
OF THE
MEET-
ING...

SHE HASN'T
SHOWN
HERSELF IN
PUBLIC SINCE
THEN.

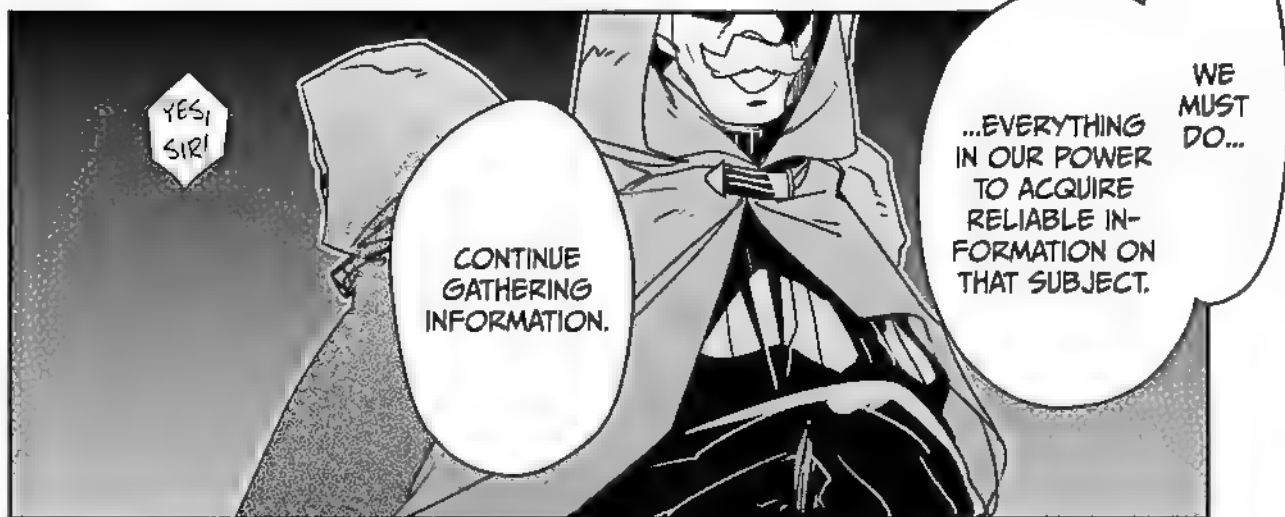
ALL
HER ENER-
GIES ARE
FOCUSED
ON THE
MEETING.



...WE ARE
ALMOST
CERTAIN THE
TOPIC OF
DISCUSSION
IS...

...THE WAR
AGAINST
THE
SURFACE
WORLD.

BASED ON
THE RUMORS
FLOATING
AROUND...

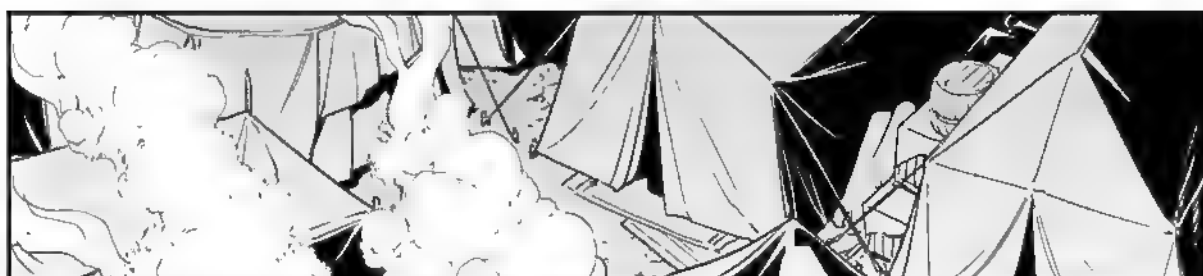




HE'S A
LEGENDARY
ARCHER
KNOWN AS
THE "SUNSPOT
SHOOTER"...

HE BE-
LONGED
TO THE
HERO'S
PARTY.

...AND
"SUDDEN
DEATH."



THANKS.
MAKE ANY
MONEY?

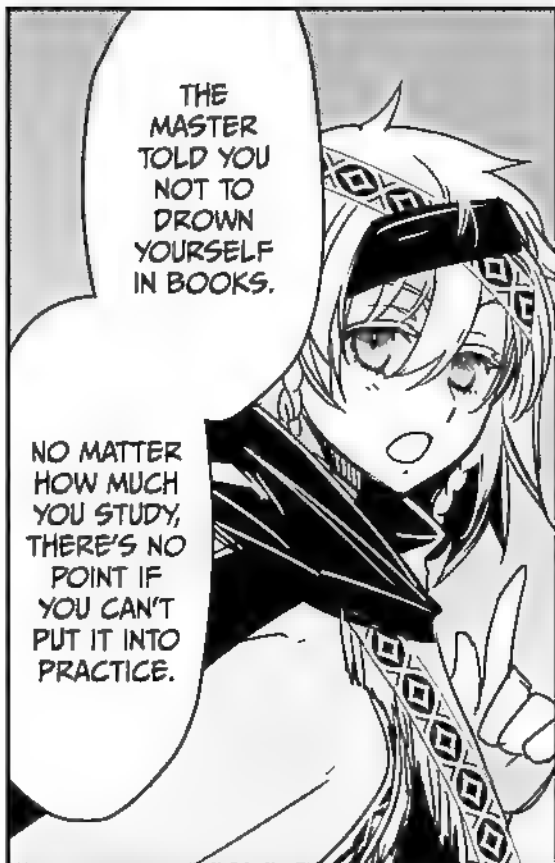
HERE.
THIS IS
FOR YOU.



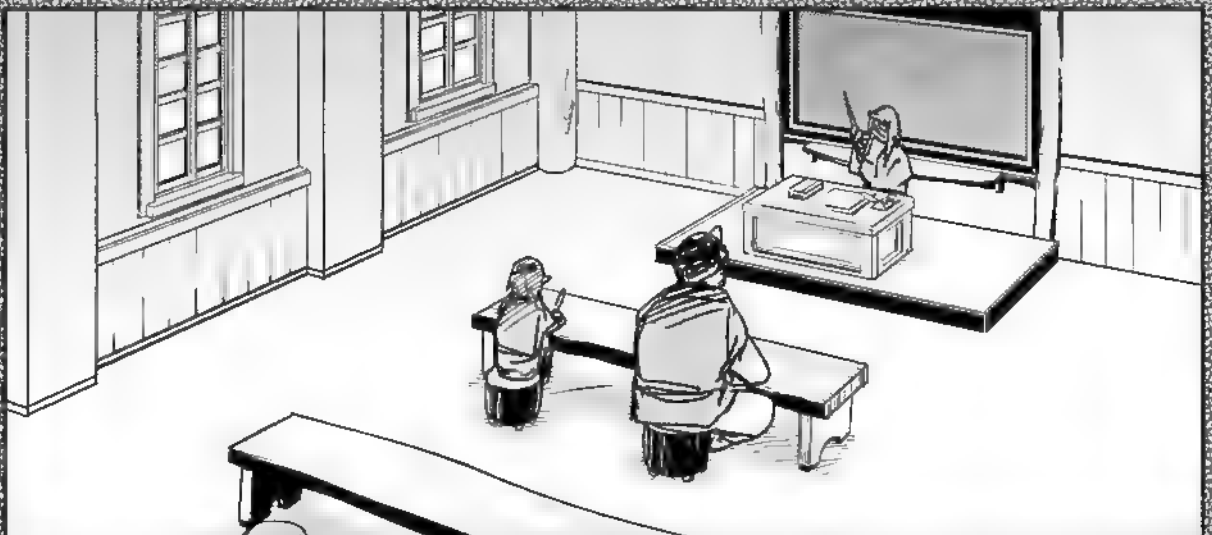
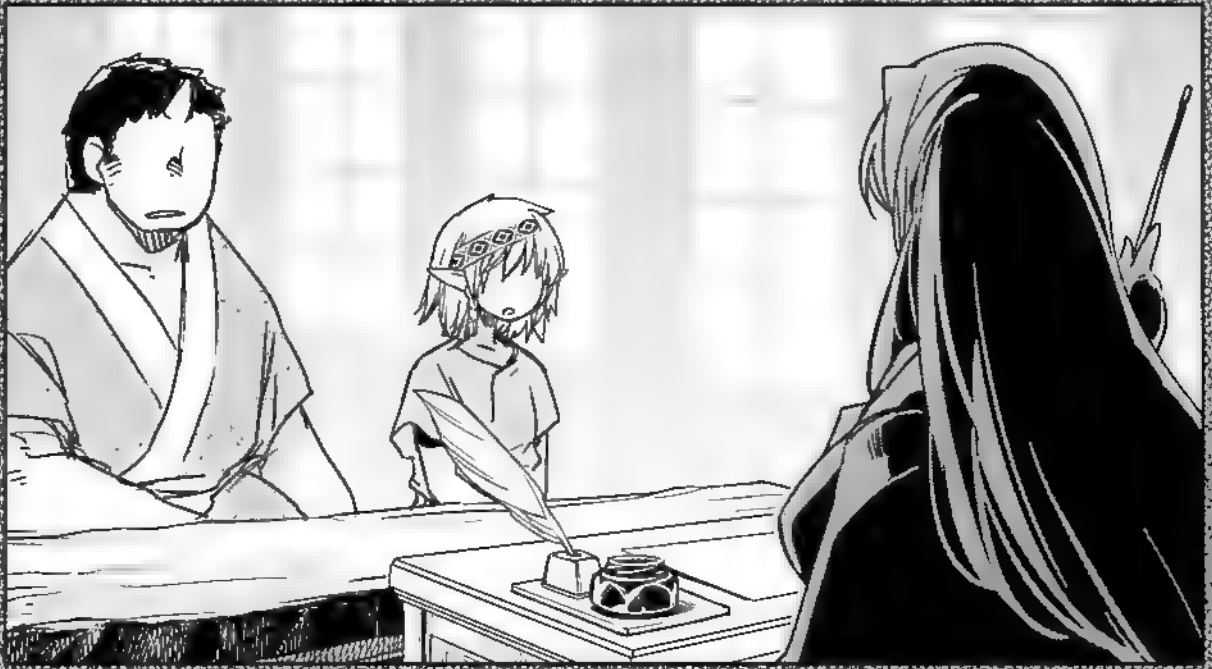
HEY.
WEL-
COME
BACK.

RUSTLE
I'M
BACK.

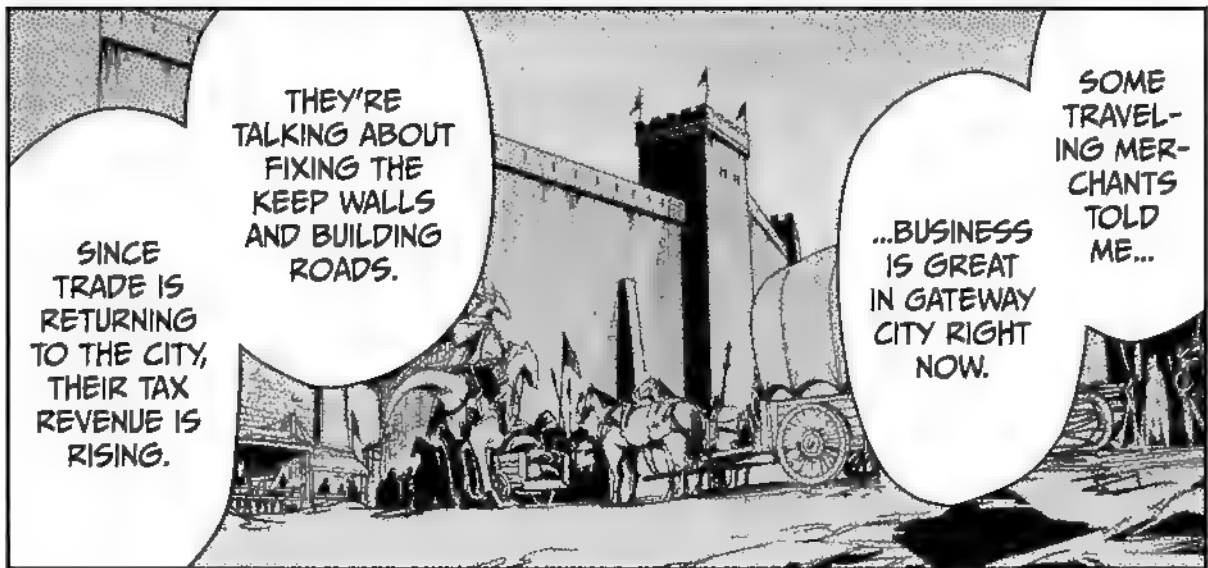












SINCE
TRADE IS
RETURNING
TO THE CITY,
THEIR TAX
REVENUE IS
RISING.

THEY'RE
TALKING ABOUT
FIXING THE
KEEP WALLS
AND BUILDING
ROADS.

...BUSINESS
IS GREAT
IN GATEWAY
CITY RIGHT
NOW.

SOME
TRAVEL-
ING MER-
CHANTS
TOLD
ME...



THAT
SOUNDS
GOOD.

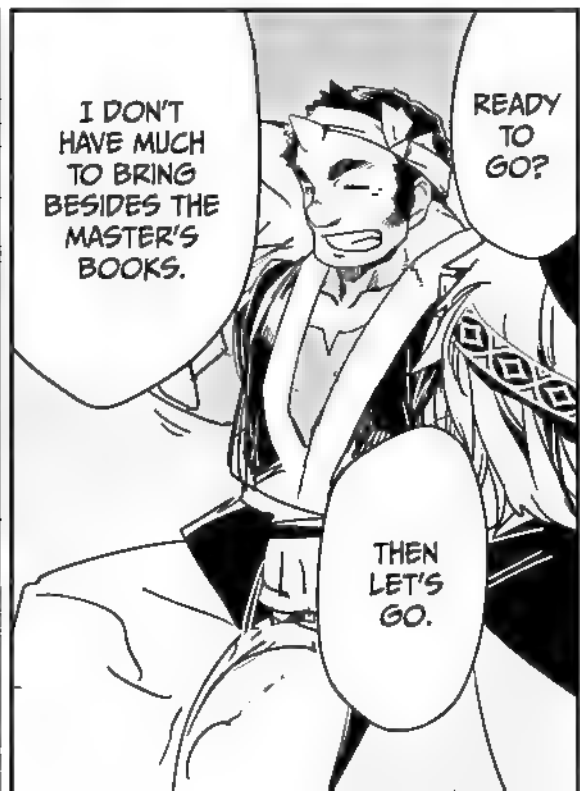
I'M
SURE
WE'LL
FIND
WORK
THERE.

ON TOP OF
THAT, IT'S AN
INDEPENDENT
CITY. IT'S NOT
RULED BY
ANY CLAN.



I'D LIKE
TO FINISH
A WHOLE
SAGA TOO.

I HOPE I
CAN LAND
A BIG
JOB.



I DON'T
HAVE MUCH
TO BRING
BESIDES THE
MASTER'S
BOOKS.

READY
TO
GO?

THEN
LET'S
GO.





NO.

I HAD
BEEN
WARNED.



I'M
SORRY.

WE WERE
DOING SO
WELL TOO.



IT'S
MY FAULT
FOR NOT
STUDYING IT
THOROUGHLY
ENOUGH.

THE
MAGICIAN
TOLD
ME...
...TO
SEARCH
FOR AND
STUDY THE
LAW.

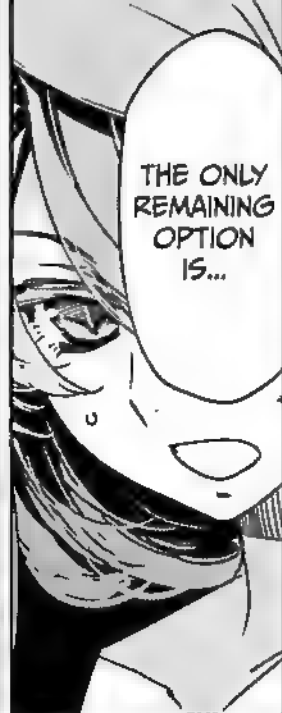


...I FAILED TO
ESTABLISH
TRUST AMONG
THE DEMON
CLANS.

THIS
HAPPENED
BECAUSE
I FAILED
TO ACT.

I WAS SO
FOCUSED
ON THE
CEASEFIRE
IN FRONT
OF ME...

NO.
YOU'RE
WRONG.



THE ONLY
REMAINING
OPTION
IS...



AFTER
SUCH A
CLEAR
WARNING...

...ANY ATTEMPT
ON MY PART TO
CONTACT THE
OTHER CHIEFS
WOULD BE SEEN
AS A DEFENSE
OF MY OWN
INTERESTS.



THERE'S
NOTHING
WE CAN DO
IN TWO
HOURS.



HOW-
EVER...

...THERE'S
NO POINT
NOW.



THAT'S
RIGHT.

...ONCE
VOTING
BEGINS.

KILLING
THE CHIEFS
WHO VOTE
FOR YOUR
DETHRONEMENT...



BUT IT
WAS...

...ONLY
ONE
CHIEF.



THERE'S
A
DEFINITE
PREC-
EDENT.

YOU
SAID
YOUR-
SELF...

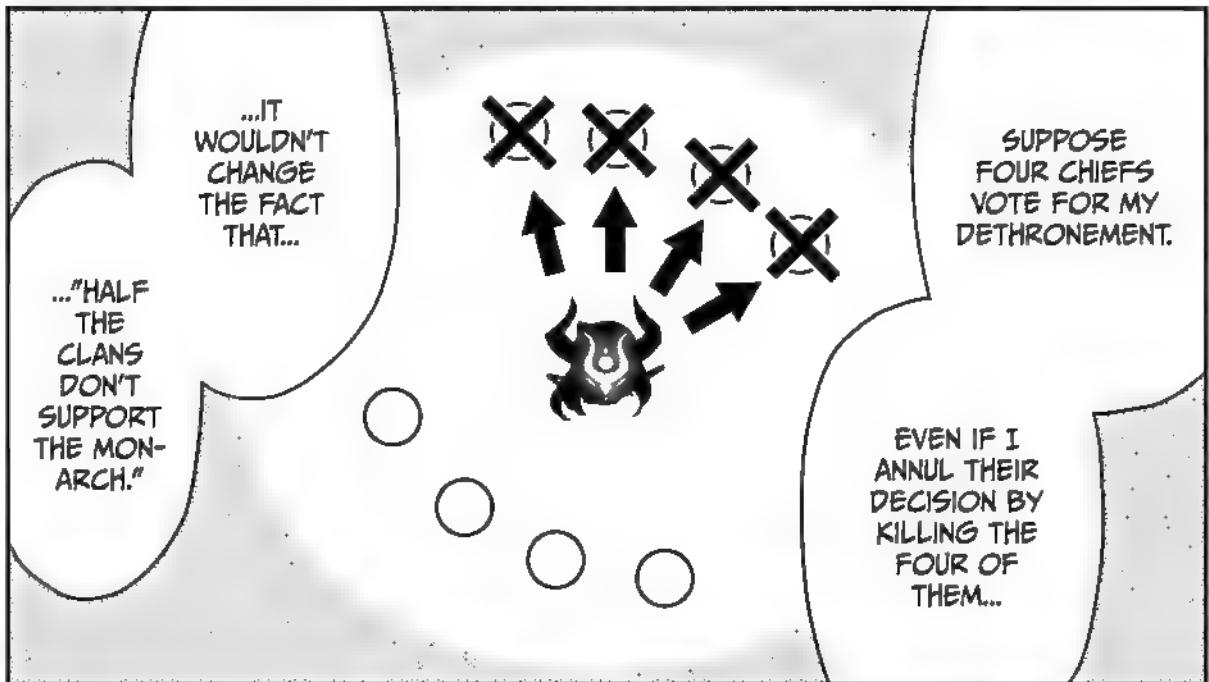
...THERE
WERE DEMON
MONARCHS WHO
INCINERATED
CHIEFS WHO
DISOBEYED
THEM.



...THE DEMON MONARCH HAD THE SUPPORT OF THE OTHER SEVEN CLANS AND ELIMINATED THE CHIEF IN THE NAME OF THE KURULTAI.

THOUGH AN ACT AS EXTREME AS INCINERATING HIS ENEMIES WAS EYE-CATCHING...

IN ORDER TO REACH A CONSENSUS, IT WAS NECESSARY TO REMOVE THAT ONE CHIEF.



...IT WOULDN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT...

..."HALF THE CLANS DON'T SUPPORT THE MONARCH."

SUPPOSE FOUR CHIEFS VOTE FOR MY DETHRONEMENT.

EVEN IF I ANNUL THEIR DECISION BY KILLING THE FOUR OF THEM...



IT'S NOT AS THOUGH I HAD THEIR SUPPORT BEFORE...

...BUT THEY OBEYED THE AUTHORITY OF THE TITLE.





IT'S
TIME.

LET US
MAKE
OUR DE-
CISION.



I WONDER
IF THE BLUE
DEMON KING
REALIZES...

...CREATING
A DECISIVE
RIFT NOW
WOULD CAUSE
A SCHISM
AMONG THE
DEMONS
AGAIN.

THEY ARE
BRINGING
TURMOIL
UPON THEM-
SELVES.



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IF THE BLUE
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REALIZES...

...CREATING
A DECISIVE
RIFT NOW
WOULD CAUSE
A SCHISM
AMONG THE
DEMONS
AGAIN.

THEY ARE
BRINGING
TURMOIL
UPON THEM-
SELVES.



IT'S
TIME.

LET US
MAKE
OUR DE-
CISION.





...IS THE
SAME AS
BETRAY-
ING OUR
PEOPLE.

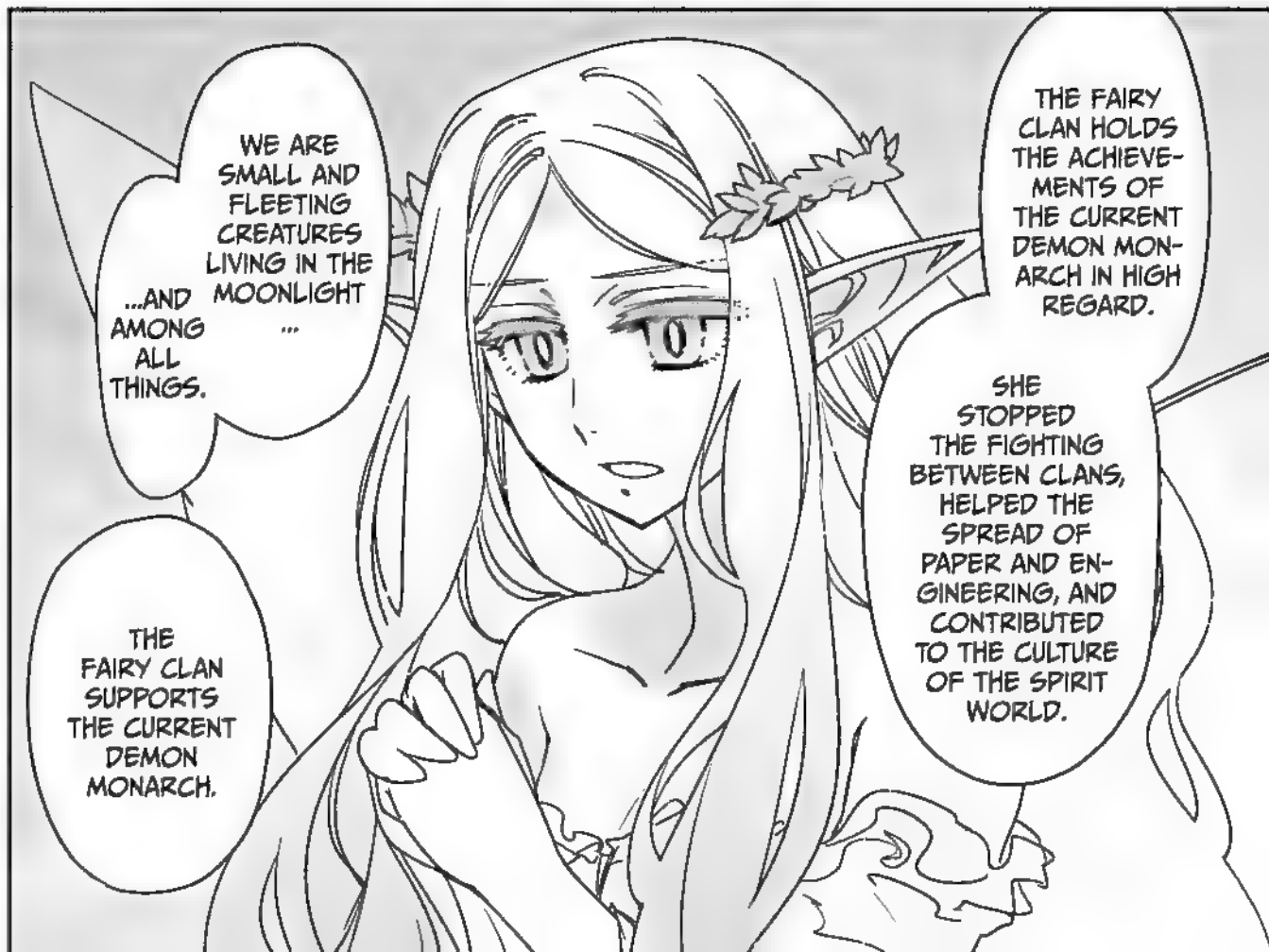
SERVING A
COWARDLY
MONARCH
DURING THIS
TIME OF
WAR...

WHETHER
OR NOT
THE DEMON
CLANS
DESIRE
WAR...

...WE ARE
CURRENTLY
AT WAR.

THE BLUE
DEMON CLAN
VOTES FOR
THE DETHRONE-
MENT OF THE
CURRENT
DEMON
MONARCH.

THE
HUMANS
COULD
ATTACK
US AT ANY
TIME.

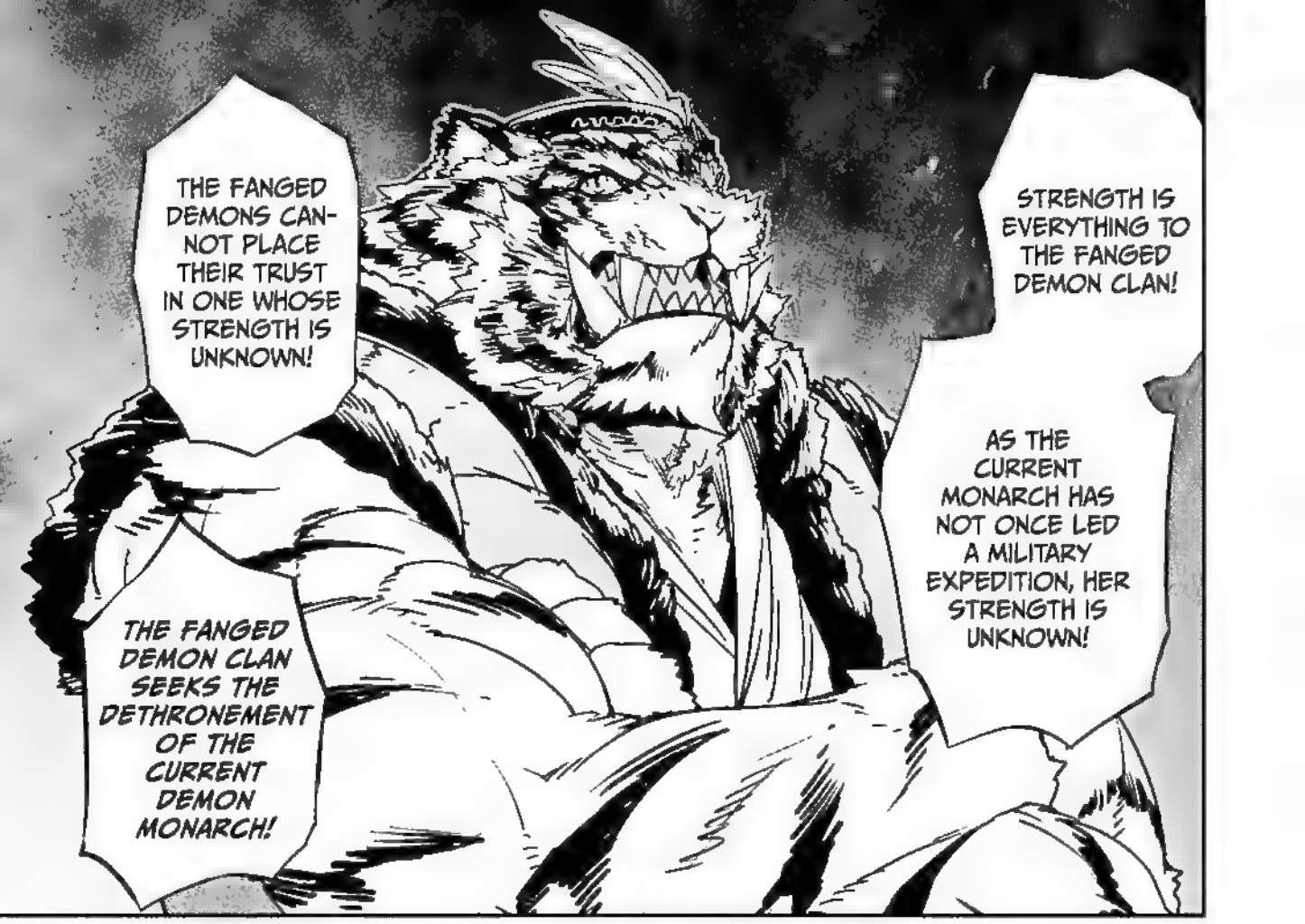


WE ARE
SMALL AND
FLEETING
CREATURES
LIVING IN THE
MOONLIGHT
...
...AND
AMONG
ALL
THINGS.

THE
FAIRY CLAN
SUPPORTS
THE CURRENT
DEMON
MONARCH.

THE FAIRY
CLAN HOLDS
THE ACHIEVE-
MENTS OF
THE CURRENT
DEMON MON-
ARCH IN HIGH
REGARD.

SHE
STOPPED
THE FIGHTING
BETWEEN CLANS,
HELPED THE
SPREAD OF
PAPER AND EN-
GINEERING, AND
CONTRIBUTED
TO THE CULTURE
OF THE SPIRIT
WORLD.



THE FANGED
DEMONS CAN-
NOT PLACE
THEIR TRUST
IN ONE WHOSE
STRENGTH IS
UNKNOWN!

STRENGTH IS
EVERYTHING TO
THE FANGED
DEMON CLAN!

THE FANGED
DEMON CLAN
SEEKS THE
DETHRONEMENT
OF THE
CURRENT
DEMON
MONARCH!

AS THE
CURRENT
MONARCH HAS
NOT ONCE LED
A MILITARY
EXPEDITION, HER
STRENGTH IS
UNKNOWN!



THERE IS NO
GUARANTEE THE
NEXT MONARCH
WON'T BE A
MADMAN BENT
ON WAR...

...OR EVEN
STRONGER
THAN THE
CURRENT
MONARCH.

AS I STATED
EARLIER,
THROUGH THIS
WAR WE DESIRE
THE PRESERVA-
TION OF THE
STATUS QUO.

WHAT
GOOD WILL
CHANGING
THE DEMON
MONARCH
DO?

THE
PEOPLE OF
THE OGRE
CALL CLAN
SUPPORT
THE CURRENT
DEMON
MONARCH.



...WE RISK
LOSING THE
RIGHTS WE
HAVE.

BY
DEALING
WITH THE
HUMANS...

...WE
CANNOT
COEXIST
WITH
HUMANS.

WE REQUIRE
THE ABUNDANT
TREASURES
OF THE
SURFACE
WORLD.

THOUGH
WE ARE
GRATEFUL TO
THE CURRENT
DEMON
MONARCH WHO
INTRODUCED
US TO THEIR
SPLENDOR...

WE
DESIRE THE
DETHRONEMENT
OF
THE CURRENT
DEMON
MONARCH.

THE HUMAOID
DEMON CLAN
REMAINS
NEUTRAL ON
THIS MATTER
AS WELL.

WE
ABSTAIN
FROM
VOTING.

AMONG THE
HUMANIDS,
THERE ARE
BOTH THOSE
WHO DO
AND DO NOT
SUPPORT
THE DEMON
MONARCH.

WE CANNOT
RESPECT THE
OPINIONS OF
ONE WHILE
IGNORING THE
OPINIONS OF
THE OTHER.





IT IS
ACTUALLY
INCREDIBLY
FORTUNATE...

...TO STEP
DOWN FROM
THE THRONE
WHILE YOU
STILL LIVE.

WE MUST
ISSUE AN
OFFICIAL
NOTICE IM-
MEDIATELY.

TWENTY
YEARS OF
REIGN IS NOT
LONG, BUT
NEITHER IS IT
SHORT.



QUIET.



I TOLD
YOU
TO BE
QUIET!

I HAVE
NOT
VOTED
YET!



THE
RESULTS
HAVE BEEN
DECIDED.

WHAT POINT
IS THERE IN
DEFENDING
HER NOW?

WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT...
...ARCH-
DUKE
FIRE
DRAG-
ON?



WHAT?



THE DRAGON
CLAN IS THE
OLDEST CLAN
OF THE SPIRIT
WORLD!

HOW DARE
YOU MAKE
A DECISION
ON A MATTER
OF GREAT
IMPORTANCE
WITHOUT
HEARING WHAT
I HAVE TO
SAY!



WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?
IT'S OVER!

THAT'S
RIGHT.

EVEN IF YOU
SUPPORT
THE CURRENT
MONARCH,
IT WON'T
CHANGE THE
OUTCOME.



ROAR
QUIET!

I'M NOT
TALKING
ABOUT THE
RESULTS!

DO
NOT TAKE
OUR CLAN
LIGHTLY!

THAT'S
WHAT
THIS IS
ABOUT!

BUT IT
WON'T
CHANGE
THE...







THE DEMON
CLAN WOULD
LIKE TO
INTRODUCE A
NEW CLAN TO
THIS MEETING.

POINT



NOW,
THEN.

THE
DRAGON
CLAN HAS
AN AN-
NOUNCE-
MENT TO
MAKE.



I HAVE
COME...

...TO
PARTICIPATE
IN THE
KURULTAI.



UM...

I AM THE
COMMAND-
ER OF THE
EASTERN
FORTRESS.

THERE IS NO ROOM FOR WORTHLESS DEMONS LIKE YOURSELVES!



THE KURULTAI IS THE SUPREME MEETING...

...WHERE THE EIGHT MOST POWERFUL CLANS AND DEMON MONARCH MAKE DECISIONS!



A NEW CLAN?

PAR-TICIPATE IN THE MEET-ING?



A HUMAN ?!



I'M A HUMBLE HUMAN.

YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE ME.



THIS MAN LIVES IN THE SPIRIT WORLD. THEREFORE, HE IS A DEMON.

HE IS HUMAN AS WELL.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE DEMON?

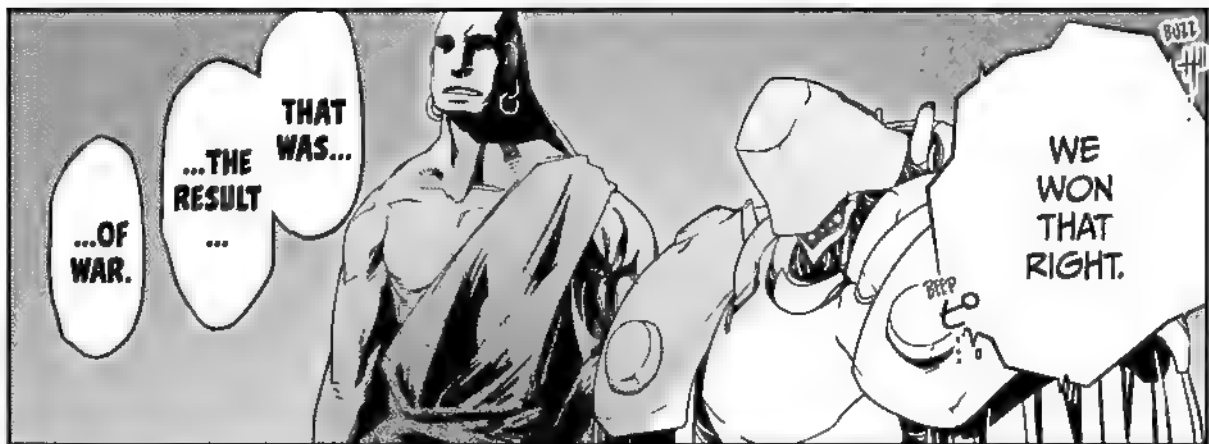
IT IS A GENERAL TERM FOR CREATURES LIVING IN THE SUBTERRANEAN SPIRIT WORLD.



WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING...

...ARCH-DUKE FIRE DRAGON?







THAT'S
RIGHT!

HOW
COULD A
CLAN CALL
ITSELF
INFLUENTIAL
WITH SUCH
SMALL
NUMBERS?

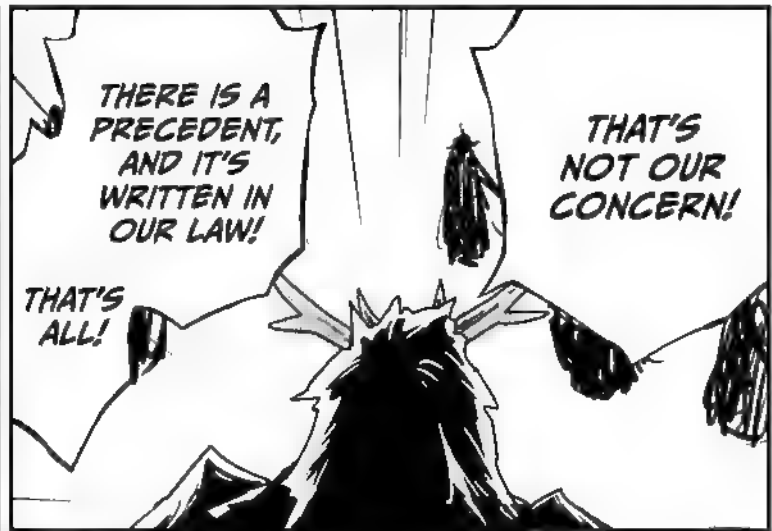
ANY MID-SIZED
CLAN COULD
PARTICIPATE IN
THE MEETING!

THAT'S
RIDICU-
LOUS!

FORTY
THOU-
SAND
?



I CAN
EXPLAIN
THAT TO
YOU.



THERE IS A
PRECEDENT,
AND IT'S
WRITTEN IN
OUR LAW!

THAT'S
NOT OUR
CONCERN!

THAT'S
ALL!



IN OTHER
WORDS, AT
THE TIME
IT WAS
ESTAB-
LISHED...

THE ERA
DURING
WHICH THE
PRECEDENT
WAS ESTAB-
LISHED IS
LIKELY A
MAJOR
FACTOR.

...40,000
WAS ENOUGH
TO BE
CONSIDERED
INFLUENTIAL.







WITH THE
SUPPORT OF
THE TWO-
CLAN CHIEFS
WE JUST
RECEIVED...

...WE MEET
ALL THE
NECESSARY
CONDITIONS.

THESE
ARE OUR
CREDEN-
TIALS FROM
OUR CLAN'S
HEADQUAR-
TERS...

...THE SELF
GOVERNING
BODY OF
GATEWAY
CITY.

THIS IS A
LIST OF
OUR 48,000
MEMBERS.



!

NO.

IMPOS-
SIBLE.

NOW
THAT THIS
BUSINESS
HAS BEEN
CONCLUD-
ED, THIS
MAN IS
THE CHIEF
OF THE
GATEWAY
CLAN.

HE IS A
DELEGATE
WITH THE
RIGHT TO
SPEAK
AT THIS
MEETING.

WHAT
ABOUT
OUR
VOICES?

THIS
PRECEDENT
DOES NOT
REQUIRE A
VOTE.



WE HAVE
ONLY ONE
RULE: "BE
KIND AND
PROSPER."

THE
GATEWAY
CLAN
DESIRES
PEACE AND
PROSPER-
ITY.

MANY HUMANS
ALREADY LIVE
IN OUR CITY
AND WORK
HAND-IN-HAND
WITH DEMONS.

WE, THE
GATEWAY CLAN,
SUPPORT
THE CURRENT
MONARCH.

NOW,
THEN.

...MOTION
OF NON-
CONFI-
DENCE?

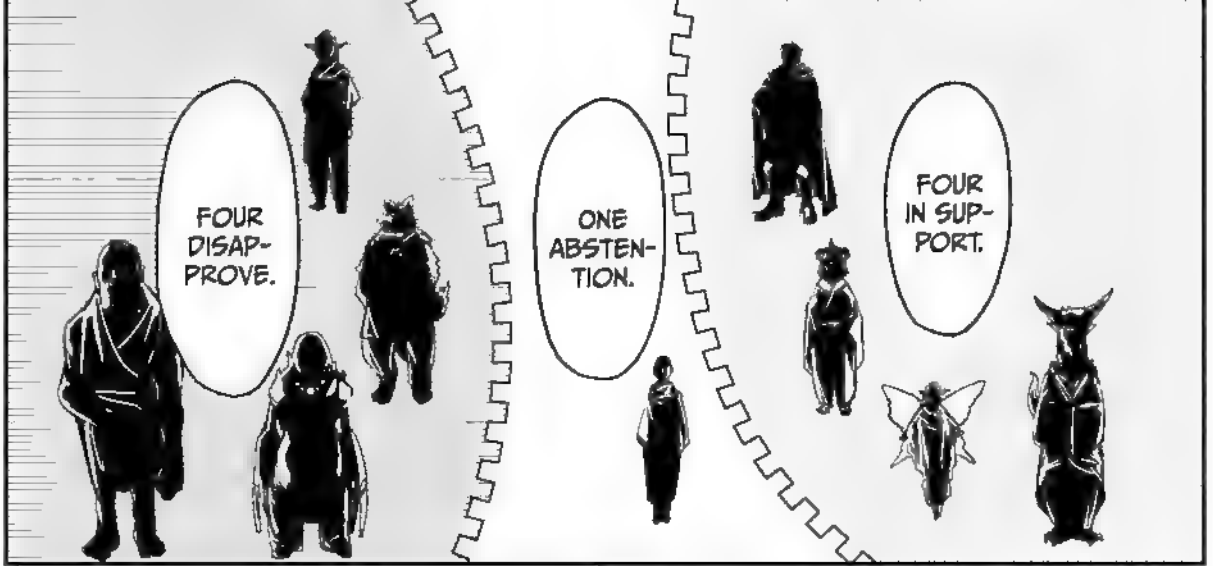
WHAT
ARE THE
RESULTS
OF THE
BLUE
DEMON
KING'S...

GOOD.

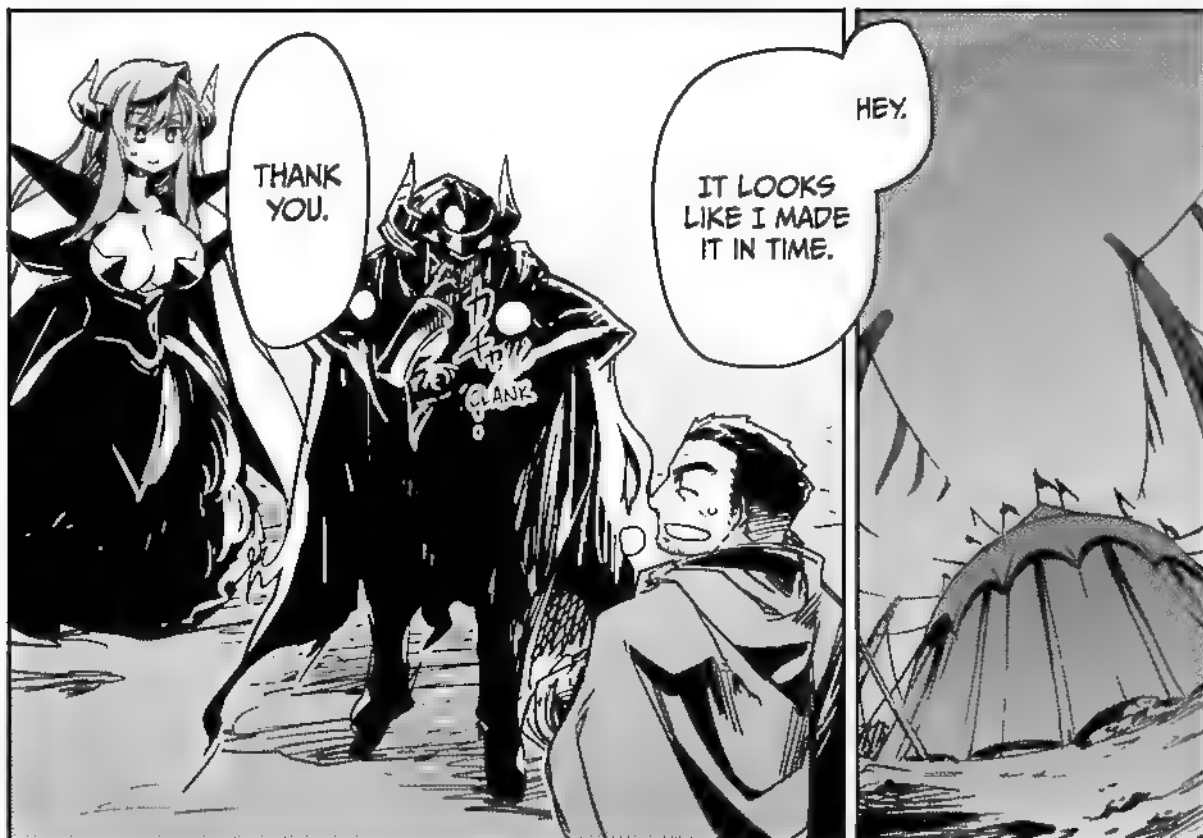
PLEASE
EXCUSE
THE DELAY.



THE DRAGON
CLAN ALSO
SUPPORTS
THE CURRENT
MONARCH.









WE
THOUGHT
WE MAY BE
ABLE TO
HELP...

IT TOOK
SOMETIME TO
DECIPHER IT.

...AND HASTILY
GATHERED OUR
CREDENTIALS.



THE FEMALE
MAGICIAN
DELIVERED
THE BOOK OF
LAW TO US.



I WISH WE
HAD YOUR
DISPLACE-
MENT MAGIC.

AFTER
THAT,
WELL...
WE WERE
IN QUITE
A RUSH.



WHEW

CRACK
CRACK



EITHER
WAY,
THANKS.

WE
MUST
REPAY
YOU
LATER.

WE RECEIVED
A LOT OF HELP
FROM THE OLD
FIRE DRAGON
TOO.



WHOOSH

...



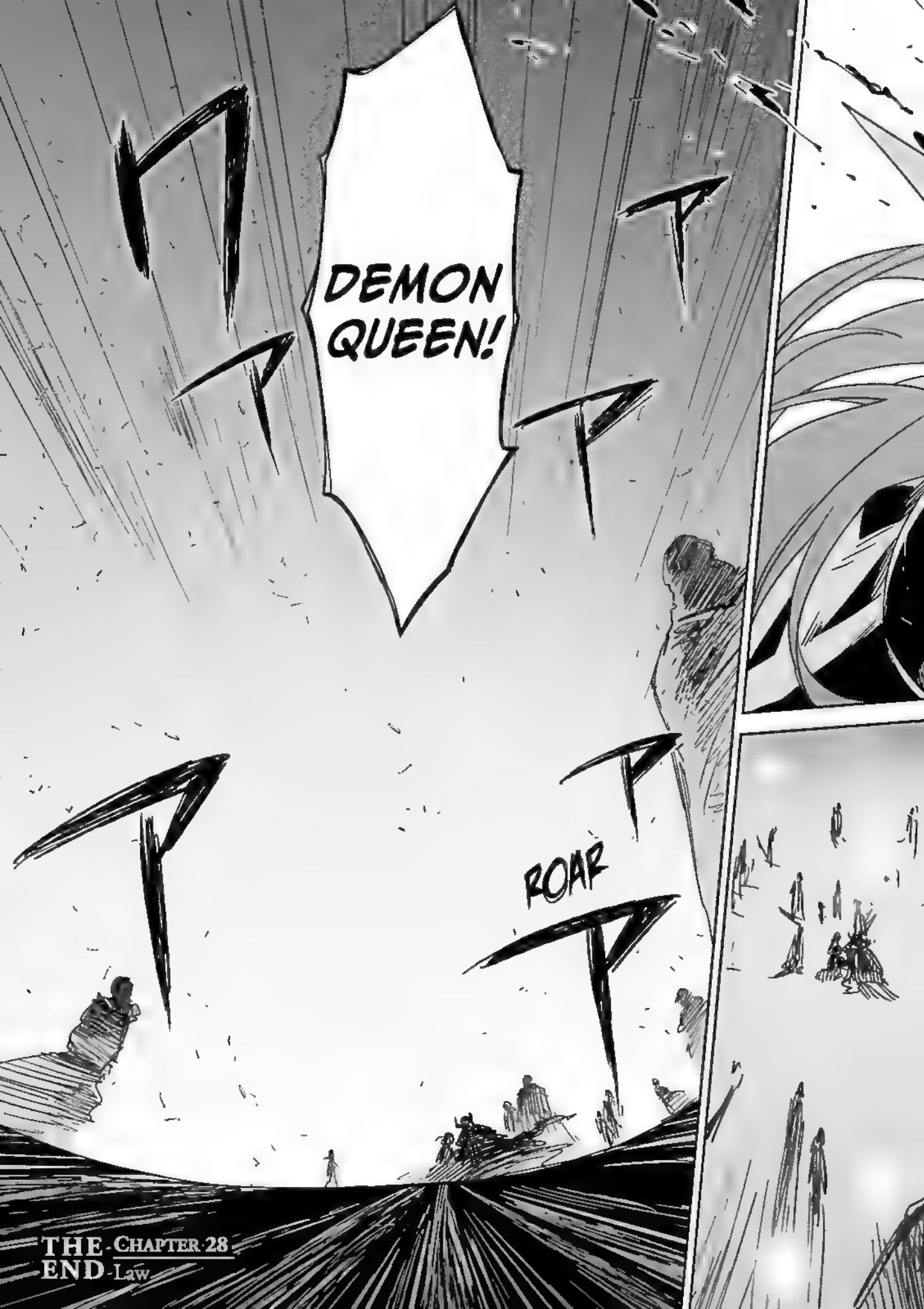




**DEMON
QUEEN!**

ROAR





**DEMON
QUEEN!**

ROAR

INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES

Information has been treated with great weight since ancient times. In the modern world, there is a dizzying and endless race to secure information.

NATIONAL AGENCIES SPECIALIZING IN INFORMATION

"If you know your enemy and know yourself, in a hundred battles you will never be defeated." This is a line from Sun Tzu's book on military tactics written in China several hundred years BCE.

It means by understanding the difference in military strength between yourself and your enemy and creating strategies and tactics based on this information before battle, you can achieve victory while minimizing losses to your own side and dealing maximum damage to your enemy.

The importance of information is not limited to military affairs. For example, in this work, the Young Merchant collected and analyzed the trends of the continent at the headquarters of the Alliance in order to determine how he would act in the future. This is an example of how information is a major factor in economics, the foundation of his activity.

Naturally, information is vital when establishing policy or deciding on military strategy, and many nations throughout the world have established specialized agencies. The American CIA (Central Intelligence Agency), the former Soviet KGB (Committee for State Security), and Israeli Mossad (Institute for Intelligence and Special Operations) are particularly famous agencies, and you have probably heard of them in movies and books. Additionally, with the computerization of society in recent years through the spread of the Internet, America's NSA (National Security Agency), an organization that deciphers foreign codes and communications, has received attention as well.

Though each organization is different, all of these agencies acquire and analyze both public and private information they deem necessary to determine the opinions and purposes behind the information.

Acquiring information quickly and understanding the intentions behind it sometimes allows people to establish countermeasures. In the field of national security, losing the initiative put lives in danger, and one must always be on their guard.



The Butler is most focused on the meeting of clan chiefs. Depending on its content, he may act immediately.



The Butler and his men infiltrate the Kurultai. Because they are deep inside enemy territory, they can acquire valuable information.

Though these types of agencies mostly acquire information through legal means, sometimes they utilize illegal methods. Their methods sometimes end up in the news due to whistleblowers, but in most cases the agencies do not officially recognize it.



MAY
EVERYONE
BE SAVED.

MAY
THE
WORLD
HAVE
ETERNAL
PEACE.

AND
HOPE-
FULLY
WE WILL
MEET...

...AGAIN.

I AM
ALSO
THE ONE
WHO
TORE
THIS
WORLD
APART.

MY
CRIME
CAN
NEVER
BE FOR-
GIVEN.

PERHAPS
THE
WORLD
HAS BEEN
SAVED...

...JUST
AS WE
DESIRED.

THE
FLICK-
ERING
LIGHTS
...

...ARE
BIRTH
AND
DEATH.

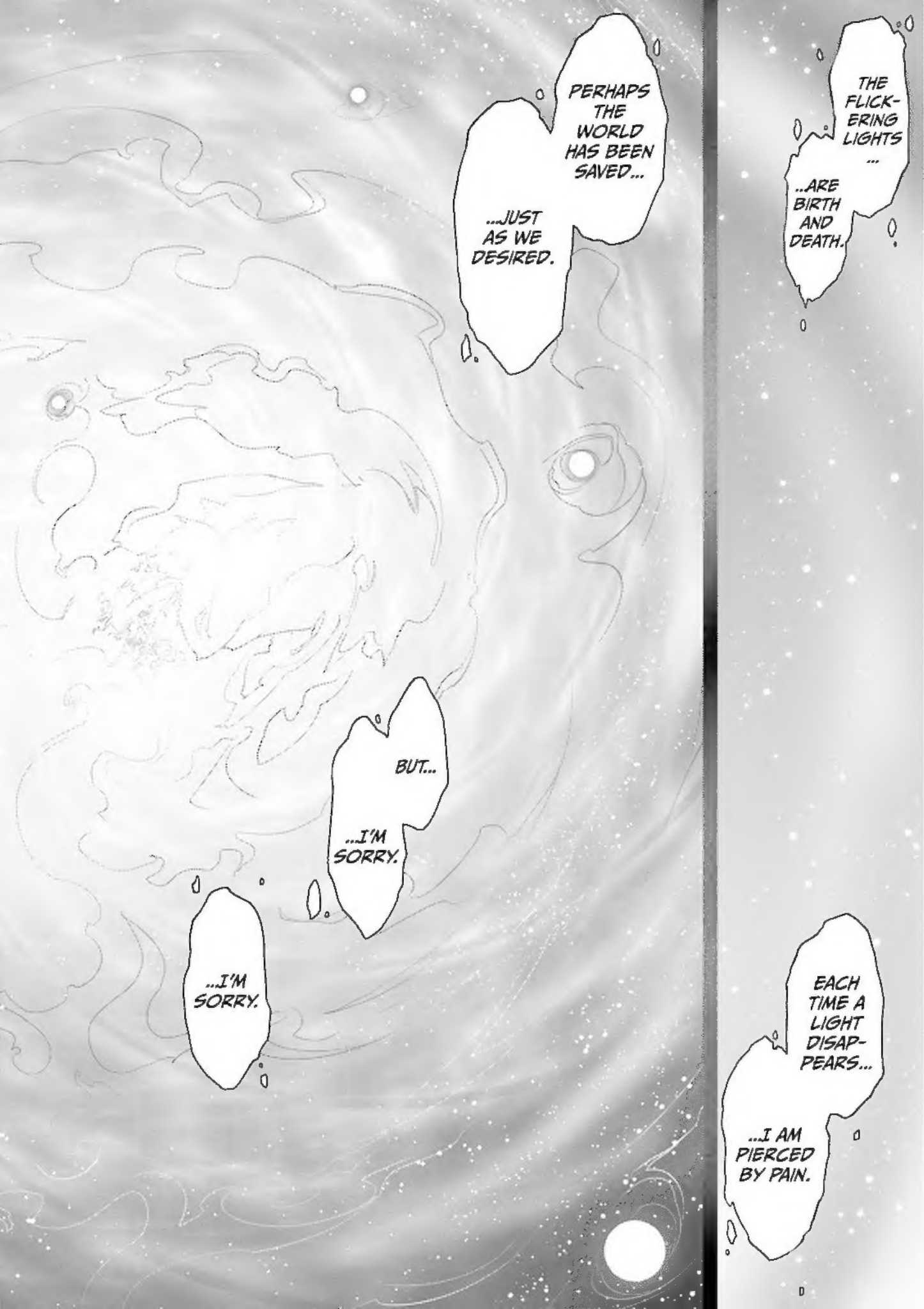
BUT...

...I'M
SORRY.

...I'M
SORRY.

EACH
TIME A
LIGHT
DISAP-
PEARS...

...I AM
PIERCED
BY PAIN.



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MAOYU : Archenemy and Hero

“Become mine, Hero” “I refuse!”

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